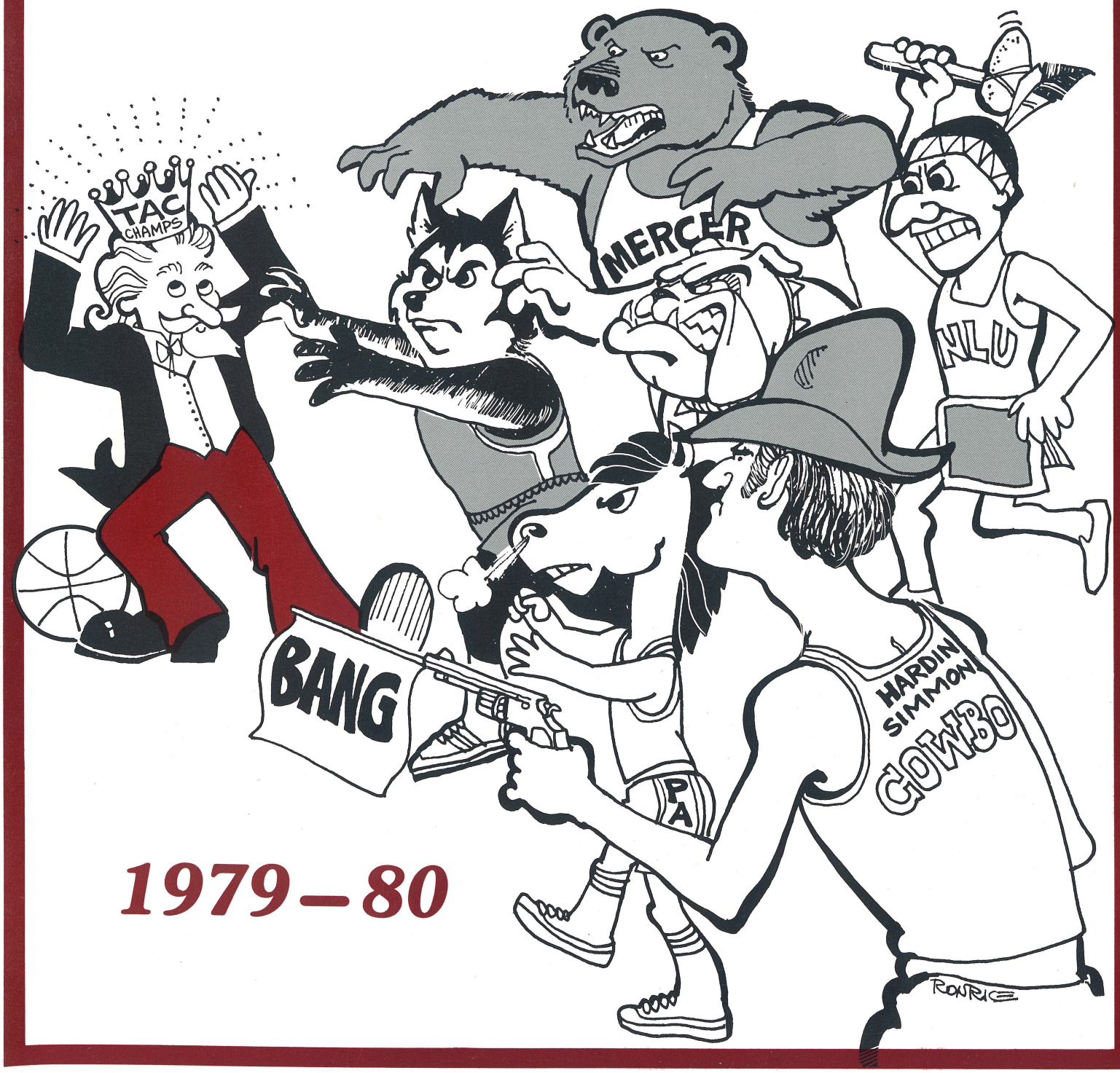
CENTENARY BASKETBALL



1979–80

CENTENARY'S ALL-STAR CANDIDATE ...

GEORGE LETT

How talented is George Lett? Talented enough to be selected by the Golden State Warriors in the fifth round of the National Basketball Association draft this past summer.

Ironically, that is the same team which drafted Tom Kerwin and Robert Parish out of Centenary.

Mention Kerwin and Parish and you have the two players whose records George Lett is threatening at Centenary.

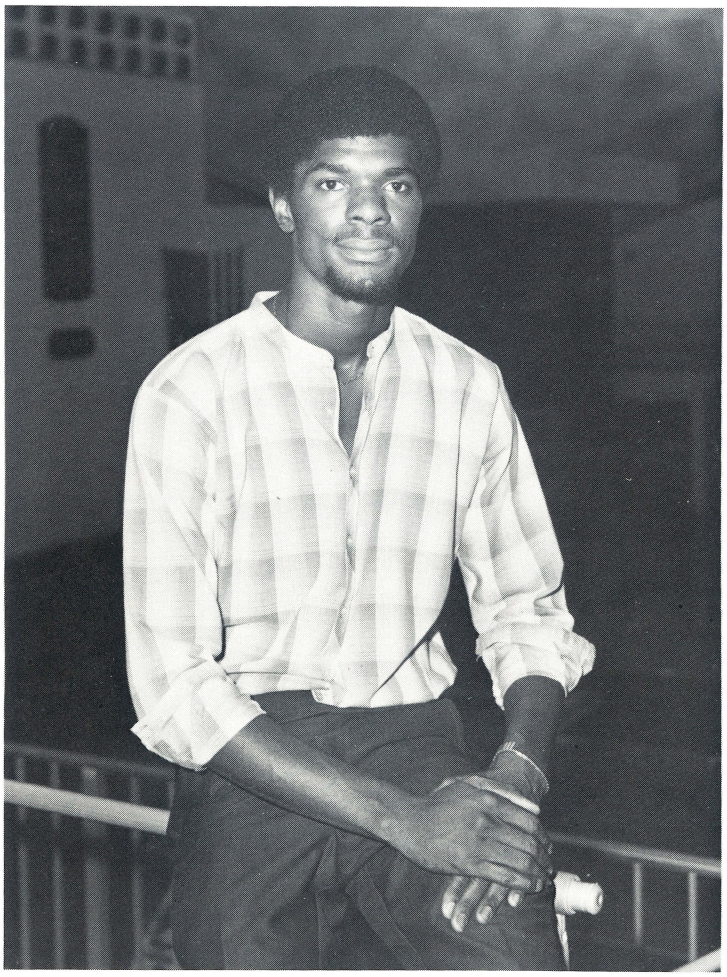
Another season like 1978-79 and he'll have a good chunk of those records. Last winter he was one of the few players in the country to rank high in both scoring and rebounding—13th in rebounds (12.4 per game) and 27th in scoring (23.1 points a game).

So Centenary is content to "Lett George Do It!" once more. "On some nights, George can dominate a game offensively," says Gent Head Coach Tommy Canterbury. "He has that kind of talent."

Lett's style is smooth, finesse ... and speed. As a rebounder, he's not the get-out-of-my-way type. He positions and anticipates well and has great reach. What he does best, though, is get out on the fast break and come off the wing for a soaring dunk. That's a Centenary fan's delight. The local press calls him George "The Jet" Lett.

Shooting? There may have been some question, but no more. He was spectacular in the second half of last season, making 54.1 per cent from the floor while averaging 26 points a game. After one fine show, an opponent school's broadcaster tagged him George "All Net" Lett.

All-Trans America Conference last year, he has been shy of national attention. This should be his year.



Senior Forward
6-7, 195 Age:22
New York City, N.Y.

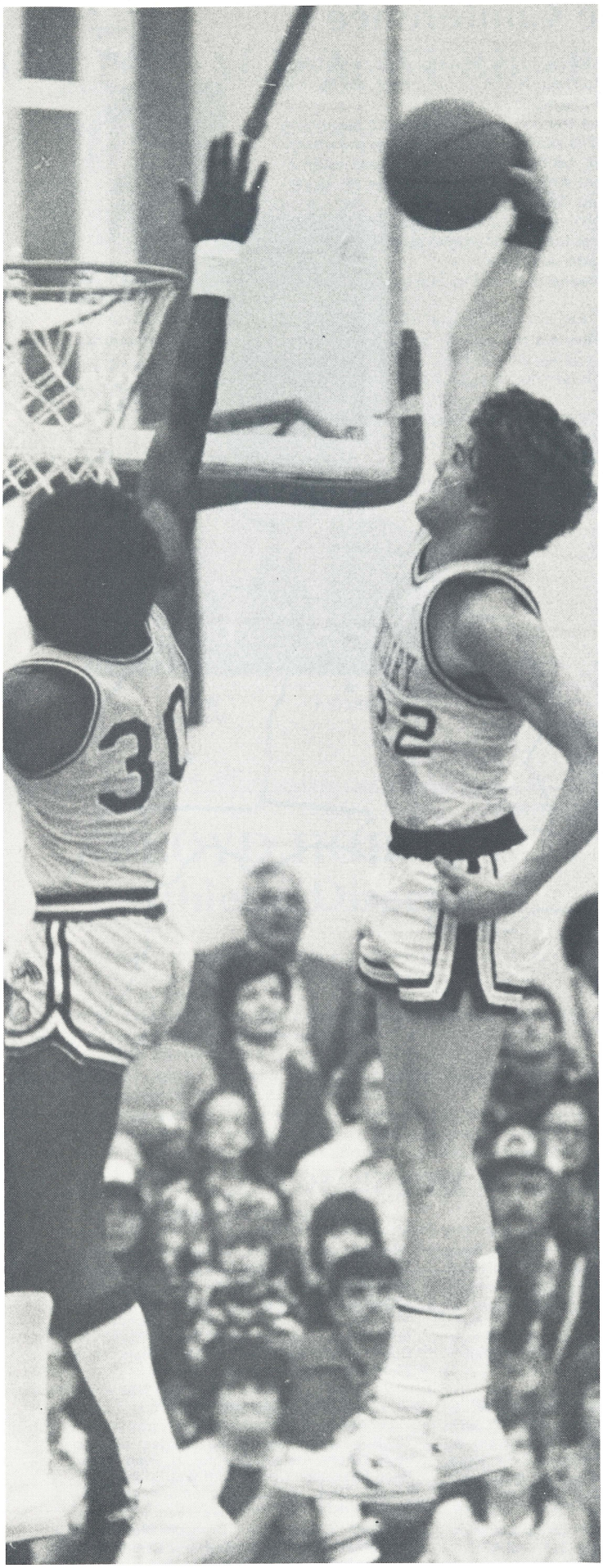
He helped Stevenson High in the Bronx win the New York City Section II championship in 1974, playing there for Ron Kestenbaum, former Centenary assistant now head coach at Arkansas-Little Rock ... began college career at the University of Hawaii, transferred to Centenary after freshman year ... eligible for pro draft this past summer because original graduating class was out ... sat out one full season as a transfer ... Business major ... son of Mr. and Mrs. Lemander Lett ... born Jan. 29, 1957.

- Trans America Conference's 3rd-best scorer and 2nd-best rebounder last season ... All-Trans America Conference and Senior Bowl all-tournament team.
- His 21.9-point career scoring average is No. 2 on the all-time Centenary list, ahead of Robert Parish's 21.6.
- His 23.1-point per game average last season was bettered at Centenary by only Tom Kerwin and Parish. Parish did better than 23.1 only in his senior season.
- Led Centenary in scoring 18 of 29 games last season and in rebounding 25 of 29 games. In two seasons, he has led the team in scoring 25 of 42 games and in rebounding 36 of 42.
- Scored 30 points or more in seven games, 27 or 28 in six others; reached double figures in rebounding in 23 of 29 games.
- **Top 1978-79 Performances:** 42 points and 18 rebounds vs. Georgia Southern; 38 pts., 13 reb. vs. Southern Miss; 37 pts., 18 reb., vs. North Texas St.; 33 pts., 23 reb. vs. College of the Ozarks; 31 pts., 14 reb. vs. Hawaii; 31 pts., 12 reb. vs. North Texas St.; 28 pts., 18 reb. vs. Southern Miss; 28 pts., 15 reb. vs. Pepperdine; 28 pts., 14 reb. vs. Oklahoma City; 21 pts., 12 reb. vs. DePaul.
- **Coach Tommy Canterbury:** "He must improve his concentration and intensity. But if he works hard and disciplines himself, I firmly believe that if he plays 40 minutes a game like he's capable, he's an All-American."

CAREER STATISTICS

Season	G	FGA-FGM	Pct.	FTA-FTM	Pct.	Reb.-Avg.	Pts.-Avg.	A
*1975-76 (Fr.)	27	270-115	.426	72- 40	.556	222- 8.2	270-10.0	26
1977-78 (Soph.)	13	222-110	.495	53- 31	.585	146-11.2	251-19.3	36
1978-79 (Jr.)	29	527-271	.514	172-128	.744	359-12.4	670-23.1	45
CENTENARY Totals	42	749-381	.509	225-159	.707	505-12.0	921-21.9	81
Career Totals	69	1019-496	.487	297-199	.670	727-10.5	1191-17.3	107

*played at University of Hawaii



CENTENARY COLLEGE BASKETBALL 1979-80

CENTENARY QUICK FACTS

LOCATION .....Shreveport, Louisiana 71104
ESTABLISHED .....1825 at Jackson, La., moved to Shreveport in 1908
ENROLLMENT 962
AFFILIATION .....United Methodist Church
PRESIDENT .....Dr. Donald A. Webb
ACADEMIC DEAN .....Dr. Dorothy Gwin
ATHLETIC AFFILIATION .....NCAA Division I, AIAW
ATHLETIC CONFERENCE .....Trans America
TEAM NICKNAME .....Gentlemen (or Gents); women's teams, Ladies
SCHOOL COLORS .....Cardinal, White
BASKETBALL HOME COURT .....Gold Dome (3,600)
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR .....Floyd D. Horgen (Miami, Fla. '59)
HEAD BASKETBALL COACH .....Tommy Canterbury (Louisiana Tech '70), 3rd season, 15-29 (.341) record
ASSISTANT BASKETBALL COACH .....Tommy Vardeman (Stephen F. Austin '65)
BASEBALL COACH .....Dr. James C. Farrar
CROSS COUNTRY COACH .....Robert Mead
GOLF COACH .....Floyd Horgen
SOCCER COACH .....Dr. Robert Zowalski
TENNIS COACH .....Jimmy Harrison
WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COACH .....Vannie Edwards
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR .....Nico Van Thyn
ATHLETIC DEPT. SECRETARY .....Mrs. Pat Robertson
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NCAA REPRESENTATIVE .....Dr. David Thomas
AIAW REPRESENTATIVE .....Dr. Betty Haley

ON THE COVER

Talented Ron Rice depicts Centenary's entrance in the Trans America Athletic Conference basketball race with this cartoon drawing. Rice, staff artist for the Shreveport Journal, has designed the covers of a dozen Centenary athletic publications in the past four years.

The Trans America Athletic Conference.

For Centenary, the Trans America Athletic Conference was a dream come true.

After more than 25 years as an independent, Centenary joined seven other Southern universities to form the TAAC in September, 1978.

The conference's progress has been rapid. Accepted as an allied voting member of NCAA Division 1, the league crowned four champions last year—Northeast Louisiana (basketball), Mercer (baseball), Oklahoma City (tennis) and Centenary (golf).

Oklahoma City, which won all-sports honors, has since pulled out of the TAAC to join another new league. But the conference expanded by adding Northwestern State of Natchitoches, La., and Georgia Southern of Statesboro, Ga., for spring sports in 1980 and basketball in 1980-81.

The league office was established in Shreveport's new American Tower and Bob Vanatta was hired as conference commissioner.

Vanatta, a college basketball coach for 21 years and athletic director at four different schools, was most recently commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference for four years.

His strong contacts with the NCAA give hope to TAAC teams that an automatic NCAA Tournament bid for the league basketball champ is not far off.

With that in mind, the conference teams are beginning round-robin play this season, one year earlier than originally planned. The second annual postseason championship tournament will be played in Monroe (at Northeast Louisiana) Feb. 28-March 1.

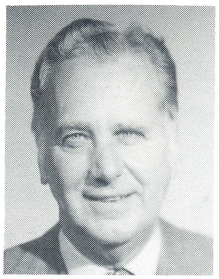
The round-robin plus championship tournament meets NCAA criteria for the automatic qualification. The request will be made next year.

The first TAAC basketball champ, Northeast, earned a spot in the NIT.

For Centenary, this will be the first shot at the TAAC cage title. The Gents did not play in last year's tournament because of a schedule conflict.

Centenary did host the first TAAC tournaments in baseball and golf.

The league will be basketball-oriented, but championships will be determined in the spring sports plus cross country and soccer in the fall.



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CENTENARY'S TAAC OPPONENTS THIS SEASON

HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

Location: Abilene, Tex. (population 113,959) Enrollment: 1,806. President: Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher. Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach: Jim Shuler. Asst. Basketball Coaches: Paul Palmer, Dale Pond. SID: Kelly Autry. Team Nickname: Cowboys. School Colors: Purple, Gold. Home Basketball Court: Mabee Complex (3,000). Athletic Dept. Phone: (915) 677-7281.

HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Location: Houston, Tex. (population 1,985,031). Enrollment: 2,001. President: Dr. W.H. Hinton. Athletic Director: Dr. Ed Billings. Head Basketball Coach: Gene Iba. Asst. Basketball Coaches: Tommy Jones, Mike Fergus. SID: Billy Siems. Team Nickname: Huskies. School Colors: Blue, Orange. Home Basketball Court: Sharp Gym (1,800). Athletic Dept. Phone: (713) 771-7661.

MERCER UNIVERSITY

Location: Macon, Ga. (population 226,782). Enrollment: 1,900. President: Dr. R. Kirby Godsey. Athletic Director: Jack Pigott (acting). Head Basketball Coach: Bill Bibb. Asst. Basketball Coach: Charles Warren. SID: Jack Pigott. Team Nickname: Bears. School Colors: Orange, Black. Home Basketball Court: Macon Coliseum (9,000). Athletic Dept. Phone: (912) 745-6811, ext. 335.

NORTHEAST LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY

Location: Monroe, La. (population 115,387). Enrollment: 9,300. President: Dr. Dwight D. Vines. Athletic Director: John David Crow. Head Basketball Coach: Benny Hollis. Asst. Basketball Coach: Mike Vining. SID: Bob Anderson. Team Nickname: Indians. School Colors: Maroon, Gold. Home Basketball Court: Ewing Coliseum (8,000). Athletic Dept. Phone: (318) 342-4030.

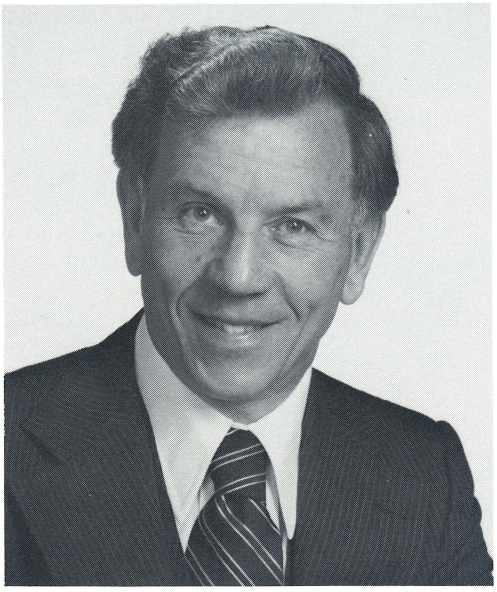
PAN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Location: Edinburg, Tex. (population 181,535). Enrollment: 9,300. President: Dr. Ralph Schilling. Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach: Bill White. Asst. Basketball Coaches: Kelly Bass, John McDowell. SID: Jim McKone. Team Nickname: Broncs. School Colors: Green, Orange, White. Home Basketball Court: PAU Fieldhouse (5,000). Athletic Dept. Phone: (512) 381-2228.

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

Location: Birmingham, Ala. (population 739,274). Enrollment: 4,100. President: Dr. Leslie S. Wright. Athletic Director: H. Evan Zeiger. Head Basketball Coach: Cliff Wettig. Asst. Basketball Coaches: Doug Zimmerman, Mike Calhoun. SID: Bill Nunnelley. Team Nickname: Bulldogs. School colors: Crimson, Blue. Home Basketball Court: Seibert Gymnasium (4,000). Athletic Dept. Phone: (205) 870-2920.

DR. DONALD A. WEBB—President, Centenary College



It may not rank as the most notable of his achievements, but Dr. Donald A. Webb brought cricket to Centenary.

Yes, cricket, the ancient game that Donald Webb played as a youngster in Great Britain.

This is a man who, in an already bulging schedule as the 33rd president of Centenary College and goodwill ambassador in the Ark-La-Tex, took time to serve as coach of Centenary's club soccer team last year.

He played and coached soccer and rugby and has said and shown repeatedly that "I want to see athletics prosper at Centenary ... it is an important part of a liberal arts education."

A dynamic leader on campus and in the community, he is now in his third year at Centenary and has set the course for "quality" in the '80s.

An entertaining and moving speaker, Dr. Webb travels almost weekly to preach in area churches and also raise the necessary funds for the college.

Born in Wales, he was educated at King's private school in Petersborough, England, and Cambridge University. He spent eight years as an officer in the British Royal Navy, the last three as Commanding Officer of the ship H.M.S. Switha. He then turned to the ministry and higher education.

Dr. Webb and family came to the United States in 1958 and he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1960. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from The Methodist Theological School in Ohio in 1963.

After receiving his doctorate from Drew University in 1966, he returned to The Methodist Theological School and served as professor of theology and literature, vice president and chief development officer.

The author of two plays and numerous published articles, Dr. Webb, 53, and his wife Renee have five children.

FLOYD HORGEN
Athletic Director

"A new day is dawning in Centenary Athletics ..." Floyd Horgen said at a recent dinner honoring three of the college's top athletic stars of this decade.

What he didn't say—wouldn't say—is that one of the people most responsible for that is Floyd Horgen.

He came to Centenary a year ago with the reputation as an outstanding golf coach ... indeed, a teaching golf professional.

He has proven to be that, and much more.

Horgen has worked long days to improve the Centenary athletic program at every level. He has emphasized quality and implemented new ideas in promotions, ticket sales and fund-raising ... all designed to have Centenary athletics stand on its own feet economically.

One result is the largest Gents Club drive in history ... almost doubling any previous effort.

"My job," he says, "is to develop an atmosphere where excellence can be created, where we can fully develop each student-athlete and bring recognition to Centenary."

In golf, not surprisingly, the Gents earned respect among the nation's better teams last year and will compete for the national championship this year.

That's not new for Horgen. He came to Centenary just after his Brevard (Fla.) Community College team had won its fourth national junior college title in six years.

Horgen has a strong background in basketball, too. He coached at McArthur High in Hollywood, Fla., for four years (1963-67), his teams going 80-27. And he was assistant basketball coach at Brevard six years with the teams compiling a terrific 147-24 record.

Horgen, 43, grew up in Minnesota and earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Miami (Fla.), where he was a pitcher in baseball.

He and his wife Paula have four children.

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TOMMY CANTERBURY
Head Basketball Coach

No one told Tommy Canterbury this was going to be easy.

He didn't expect that, but last season was an unusual experience for him.

Having built a doormat into a champion at Springhill (La.) High School a few years ago, a 9-20 record in his first full season as Centenary's head basketball coach wasn't to his liking.

Because it is his nature to be optimistic, the 32-year-old Canterbury — one of the nation's youngest Division I head coaches — sees better days ahead.

"From age 30 to 32, I've probably gained 10 years of coaching experience because we've had a lot of transition — new players, new coaches, new athletic director, new staff," he says. "All the experience has taught me this: Things happen for the better. Some changes appeared to be good when they happened; some not so good. But changes are necessary.

"We've taken a tougher stand in some areas," he adds. "And I am convinced that the hard work we've done since last spring is going to pay off."

This is Canterbury's fourth year at Centenary. He spent 1½ years as an assistant coach and has a 15-29 record for 1½ years as head coach.

He says frankly, "We need to win now. Year in and year out, we play as good a schedule as anyone on our level (mid-major). But sooner or later, winning becomes a necessity for your program to grow.

"From a promotion, publicity, scheduling and organizational standpoint, our program is ready," he says. "The community is really getting involved and a winner is what we need to give them."

Canterbury enjoys the public relations involved in his job ... and works at it. Promoting, selling, recruiting, talking sports — he simply enjoys people.

Since becoming head coach, he cites progress in a lot of areas:

—Centenary's joining the Trans America Athletic Conference (he was a primary force in the decision). "Conference officials have made it clear that a NCAA Tournament bid is not out of the question and the NIT is a strong possibility for the league champion," he says. "I believe we can play with anyone in our conference."

—a balanced schedule ... for the first time in six seasons, Centenary plays more games in Shreveport than on the road.

—a premium on travel ... Hawaii and California last season, New York City this one, Southern California next year, Florida the next ... "I think that's attractive," says Canterbury.

—financial stability ... a balanced budget last year and the size of the Gents Club almost doubled this time.

Yet, Canterbury realizes that PR and the like can only go so far. "A coach can get caught up in it ... he has to set priorities and priority No. 1 is coaching, dealing with the players."

It's been a difficult task at Centenary. "Players have similar problems," he says. "The most common one is that they were the school hero where they came from and it's hard to adjust to the fact that here they're freshmen or new — on and off the floor. It's tough because there are other heroes here. The longer you stay in coaching the better you deal with it because of experience.

"I've had good experiences and bad ones," he says. "Now it's up to me to use it in a positive manner."

The simple solution: "Winning solves 95 per cent of a coach's problem. Plus you get more free lunches from the boosters."

Canterbury, the first North Louisiana native to be Centenary's head basketball coach in more than 30 years, grew up in Simsboro. He went to college at Louisiana Tech, then coached seven years in high school, highlighted by a 35-4 record and District 1-AAA title at Springhill in 1973-74. He was the league's "Coach of the Year" that season. His overall prep record was 142-105 (.575).

"Winning solves 95 per cent of a coach's problems. Plus you get more free lunches from the boosters."

"One of our top priorities was joining a conference. We're in, we're established. Conference officials have made it clear that a NCAA tournament bid is not out of the question and the NIT is a strong possibility for the league champion."

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Ht. 5-10. Wt. 175. Born May 18, 1947 at Ruston, La. Graduated Simsboro (La.) High School, 1965. Played basketball and baseball there (all-district twice in each sport). Bachelor's degree in Social Studies Education from Louisiana Tech University, 1970. Master's degree in Physical Education from Louisiana Tech, 1974. President, Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Tech, 1970. Married Carol Ann Thornhill of Columbia, La., June 5, 1971. Children: Chad, 5.

TOMMY VARDEMAN
Assistant Basketball Coach

It wasn't that Tommy Vardeman didn't enjoy selling jewelry. He just enjoys coaching — and selling — college basketball more.

That's why the personable tall Texan, a man with a thousand quips, is back in the game after a year's absence.

"I really believe we can have a strong program here," he said. "If I didn't, I would still be selling diamonds."

After eight years as a college coach — the last four as top assistant at Louisiana Tech — Vardeman went into private business in Tyler, Tex.

At Centenary, he will assist good friend Tommy Canterbury with on-the-floor coaching, head the recruiting program and co-direct the Centenary Basketball Camp.

"He is one of the area's most popular guys and top recruiters," says Canterbury. "He has super contacts all over the South and Midwest and he has the experience. He knows what is involved in this business."

Vardeman figures "recruiting is 75 per cent of winning and losing. Coaching is easier if you recruit good players. Of course, the other 25 per cent is getting them to play. Those who can do it will win."

"You have to use your contacts," he adds of recruiting. "You need help from your friends in the business."

Vardeman is from Center, Tex., where he played high school basketball and then played at Stephen F. Austin University. He was a high school coach in Texas for five years, compiling a 73-36 record.

He went to Louisiana Tech as a graduate assistant coach in 1971-72, then became head coach at Missouri Baptist College, a junior college in Hannibal, Mo., with a 20-14 record for one year. He served as assistant coach at Henderson (Ark.) State two years and then moved to Tech. He was a part of three conference championship teams in six years.

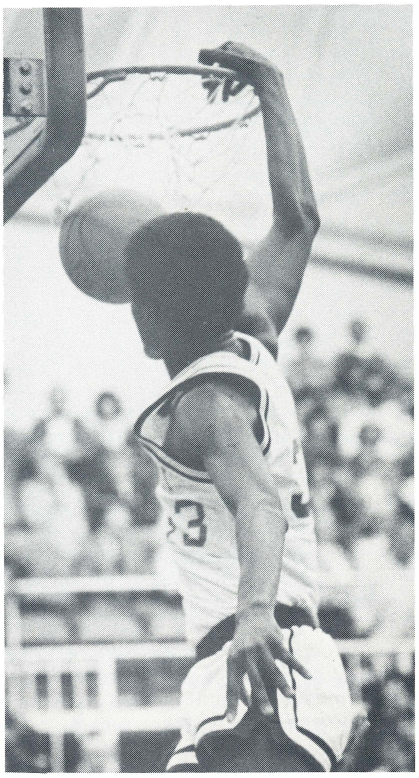
PERSONAL INFORMATION: Ht. 6-4. Wt. 210. Born Nov. 16, 1942 at Fort Worth, Tex. Graduated Center (Tex.) High School, 1961. B.S. in Physical Education from Stephen F. Austin University, 1965. Master's degree in Physical Education from Louisiana Tech University, 1972. Married Sharon Crocker of Big Sandy, Tex., May 31, 1963. Children: Juli, 12, and Jennifer, 9.

CENTENARY COLLEGE
1979-80 BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Exp.	Hometown—High School (and JC)
5	Napoleon Byrdsong	G	5-11	143	Fr.	HS	Longview, Tex.—Longview
10	Steve Burkhalter	F-G	6-4	168	Soph.	JV	Ruston, La.—Cedar Creek
13	Greg Haddox	G	5-11	140	Soph.	JV	Ruston, La.—Cedar Creek
15	Royce Williams	G	6-1	185	Soph.	1L	Monroe, La.—Carroll
22	Billy Rieser	F-G	6-4	198	Soph.	1L	New York City, N.Y.—Franklin
23	Steve Kelly	G	6-1	185	Jr.	1L	Bossier City, La.—Airline
30	Jerry Smith	F	6-5	185	Soph.	JC	Gardendale, Ala.—Gardendale (Southern Union, Ala., JC)
33	George Lett	F	6-7	195	Sr.	2L	New York City, N.Y.—Stevenson
34	Michael Shannon	F	6-7	198	Soph.	1L	New Rochelle, N.Y.—New Rochelle
42	Lorin George	F-G	6-5	187	Fr.	HS	Gray, La.—H.L. Bourgeois
44	Cherokee Rhone	C	6-8	215	Soph.	JC	Springhill, La.—Springhill (Panola, Tex., Junior College)
50	Morgan Sanders	F	6-4	194	Soph.	JV	Shreveport, La.—Fair Park
55	Mark Ades	C	6-7	210	Fr.	HS	DeRidder, La.—DeRidder

THE OUTLOOK

Gents Have 1-2 Punch, Youth, A Tough Start



George Lett

George Lett is back, which is a good start for any basketball team.

Cherokee Rhone has been hailed as "the best offensive center at Centenary since Robert Parish."

Royce Williams has a year's experience as the starting point guard.

There is the excitement of Centenary's first try for the Trans America Athletic Conference championship.

For the 1979-80 Centenary Gents, however, there are a couple of hardships to overcome.

One is a knee injury suffered by sophomore **Billy Rieser,** a sure starter who blossomed into a star in the second half of his freshman year. He underwent surgery in early November and hopefully will return to play in mid-January.

Another is recent performance—in the last three seasons, Centenary has averaged only 10 wins.

Yet another is youth and a lack of depth.

Still, Tommy Canterbury, facing his second full season as head coach, is optimistic. "We think we're at a turning point, particularly when you put Billy (Rieser) back in the lineup," he says. "But it will take time with a team as young as we have."

Canterbury smiles and repeats the song title of the hit by Merle Haggard: "If We Make It Through December ..."

The schedule is better balanced than last year's killing road show. But it includes Centenary's traditional "biggies," particularly in the first month.

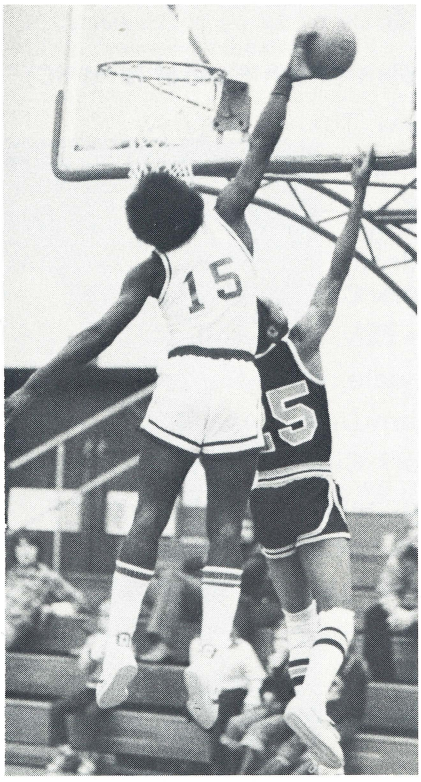
Games 2 and 4 are with Arkansas, one of the NCAA's final eight last year; Game 3 is at Northeast Louisiana, Trans Am champ and NIT participant last year; and Game 9, the final of a three-game New York trip, is at St. John's, another of the NCAA final eight.

That is quite a test for a squad that has only one senior and one junior to go with eight sophomores and three freshmen.

The key returnee is Lett, the 6-7 senior forward already a pro draft choice and one of the nation's top scorers and rebounders last year.

While Lett's scoring average flourished (a 26-point average in the last 16 games), Centenary's record did not. So Canterbury obviously hopes for more balance.

He thinks the addition of the 6-8, 215-pound Rhone at center will help. "He's a definite threat to score every time he sets up," says Canterbury of the transfer from Panola (Tex.) JC. "We haven't had that in three years. It's a plus for everyone, especially the forwards where we're strongest.



Royce Williams

"With Lett and Rhone, we have two players that can match almost anyone."

With Rieser, who averaged 11.2 points a game once he became a starter last year, sidelined, the probably starter at the other forward will be 6-7 **Michael Shannon,** top frontcourt reserve as a freshman last season.

"With Michael in there, we will have a strong rebounding front line." says Canterbury. "But we need more offense from Michael."

Williams, a 6-1 sophomore averaged 6.5 points and 3.2 assists a game last year when he started all but one game.

The other backcourt spot could go to one of several players—junior **Steve Kelly** (6-1), sophomore **Steve Burkhalter** (6-4) or freshman **Lorin George** (6-5).

Kelly is a steady veteran whose assets are ballhandling and passing. Burkhalter is a smooth lefty who needs playing experience and George was one of Louisiana's top prospects last winter and should play plenty at either guard or forward.

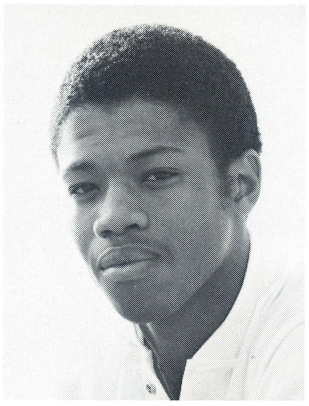
Jerry Smith, a 6-5 transfer from Southern Union (Ala.) JC, should be the top reserve up front. Freshman **Napoleon Byrdsong** (5-11) of Longview, Tex., could play at the point because of his quickness and potential floor leadership.

Other frontcourt candidates are 6-4 squadman **Morgan Sanders** and 6-7 freshman **Mark Ades.** And 5-11 sophomore **Greg Haddox** offers strong shooting at guard.

One of the top priorities is handling pressure. "One of last year's problems was backcourt pressure," says Canterbury. "Royce is a year older; he's played against some of the best people in the nation; and he is a very good athlete who should be more settled now. Kelly can help us in this area, too."

And there is the need for tougher defense. "We averaged 82 points a game last year, which is enough to win a bunch in Division 1," says Canterbury. "But we have to improve our defense and rebound tougher. And I think we can do the job on the boards."

What Canterbury hopes is that, with Lett in the lead, the team matures through the tough start to make it interesting for the plum at the end—the Trans America championship tournament.



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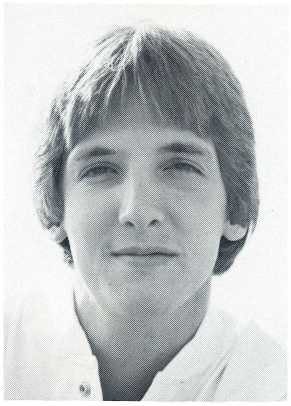

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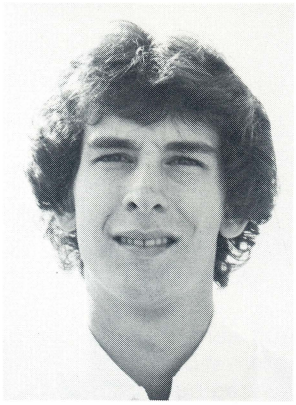

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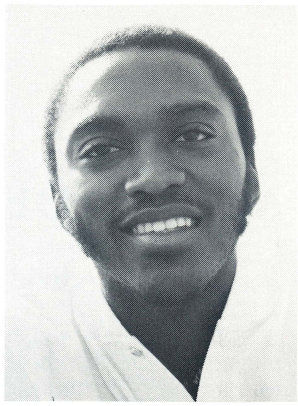

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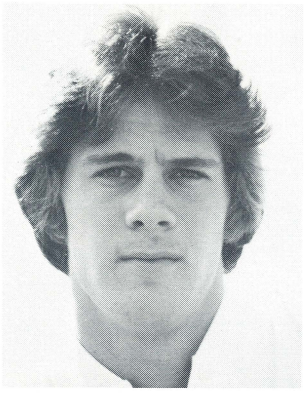

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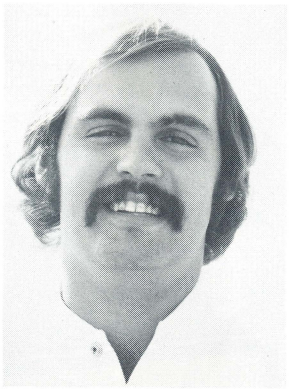

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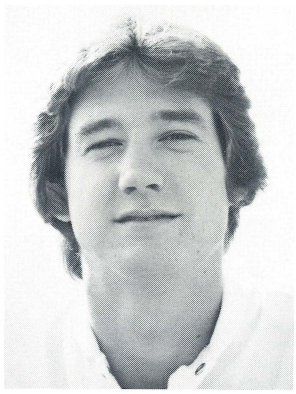

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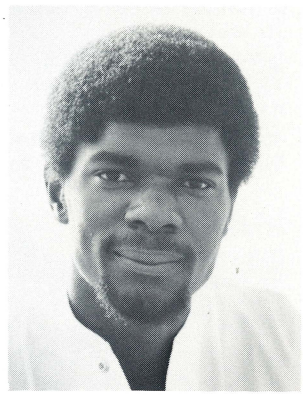

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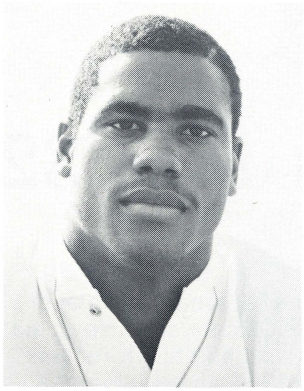

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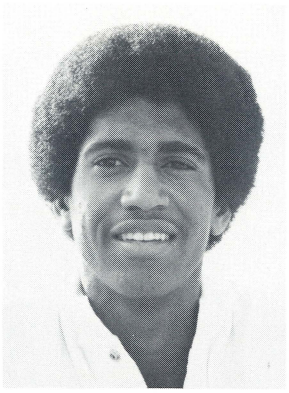

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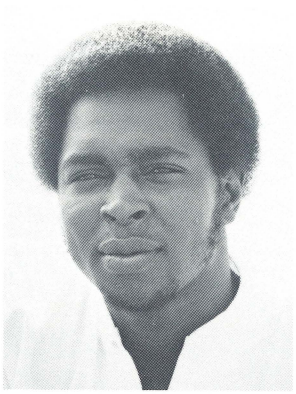

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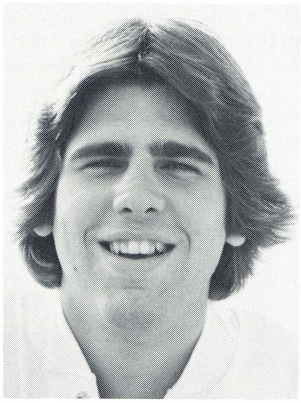


55 Mark Ades

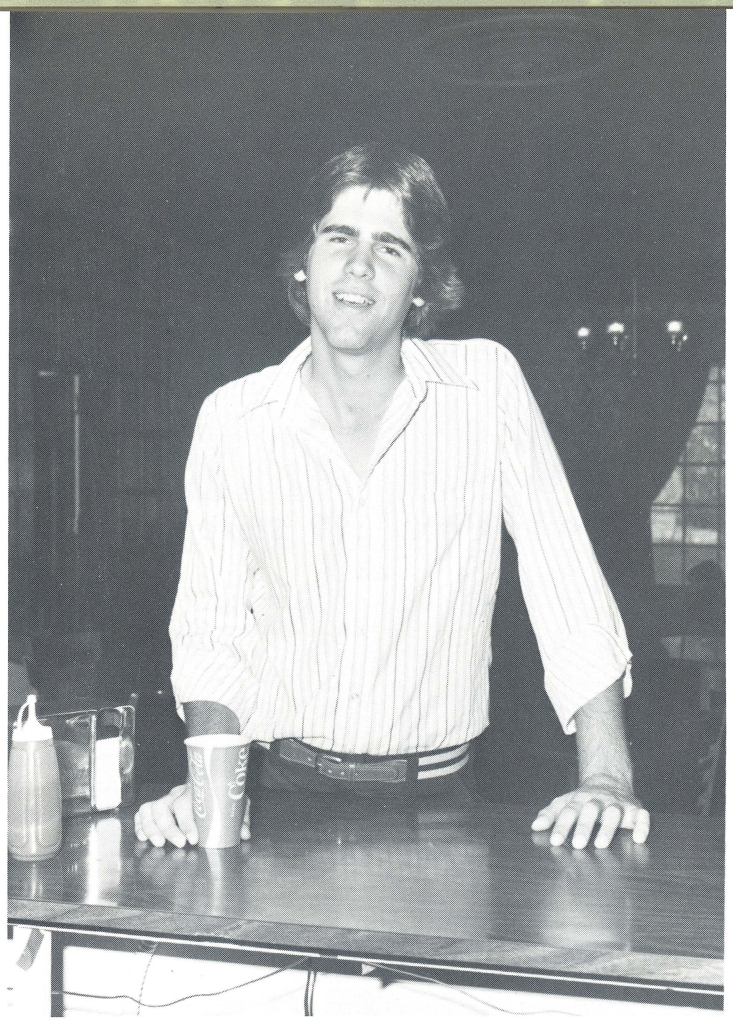
Kurt Brumleve (student trainer)
Max Malone (manager),
David Knight (manager)

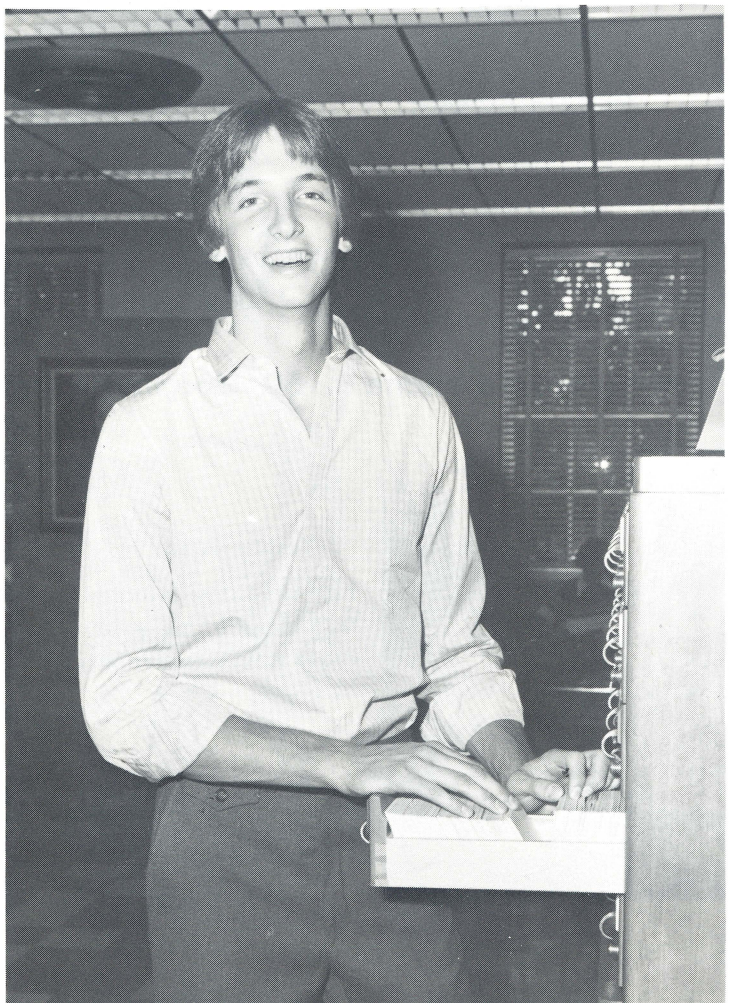
MARK ADES 55

Freshman Forward 6-7, 210
DeRidder, La. Age: 18

A walk-on who will be a backup center and forward ... played in a strong high school program at DeRidder ... earned four letters ... started as a senior, averaging eight points and 10 rebounds a game for a team that won the District 4-AAAA championship ... "He comes from a situation where he was well-coached," says Gent Coach Tommy Canterbury. "He's physical around the basket and he shoots the ball well from 15 feet in."

Background: High games for DeRidder were 18 points and 14 rebounds ... has two sisters who graduated from Centenary in recent years ... prep coach was Dale Skinner, now assistant coach at McNeese State ... Major: Geology ... son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Ades ... born July 22, 1961.





STEVE BURKHALTER 32

Sophomore Guard-Forward 6-4, 168
Ruston, La. Age: 19

Played in seven varsity games last season for a total of 37 minutes ... made 2-of-13 field goals, 7-of-9 free throws ... had 11 points, six rebounds, three assists and two turnovers ... had four points vs. Georgia Southern, three rebounds vs. LeTourneau ... he'll be a backup at either small forward or the wing guard ... "He's a deceptive player," says Gent Coach Tommy Canterbury. "He's a good jumper and he does things better than you might think. He's a smart player—he takes the charges, makes good cuts, does all the little things right. The thing he needs most is strength and he's made improvement in that area."

Background: "Most Valuable Player" in Louisiana Independent School Assn. (LISA) Class AA basketball in 1977-78 ... led Cedar Creek of Ruston to its third straight state title ... scored 1,338 points there, 23 times scoring 20 points or more in a game and 16 times grabbing 10 or more rebounds ... single game high of 34 points ... all-district twice and MVP in a pair of tournaments as a senior ... also won the LISA state high jump title twice, going 6-5 ... prep coach was Tommy Joe Eagles, now a Louisiana Tech assistant ... Major: Geology ... son of Mrs. L.O. Burkhalter ... born July 12, 1960.

NAPOLEON BYRDSONG 5

Freshman Guard 5-11, 160
Longview, Tex. Age: 18

A player who enjoys setting up points more than scoring them ... the quickest player at Centenary in several years ... "quick as a snake," said Gent assistant coach Tommy Vardeman, who recruited him ... captain of his Longview High team last season when he set a school record for assists ... not heavily recruited, but Gent Head Coach Tommy Canterbury thinks he can make a contribution. "Time will tell," he says, "but I think we've got a steal here. He's a natural point guard. He's very small and he'll have to work hard and make certain adjustments to make up for it. He has some things to learn, but he has very good potential and leadership ability."

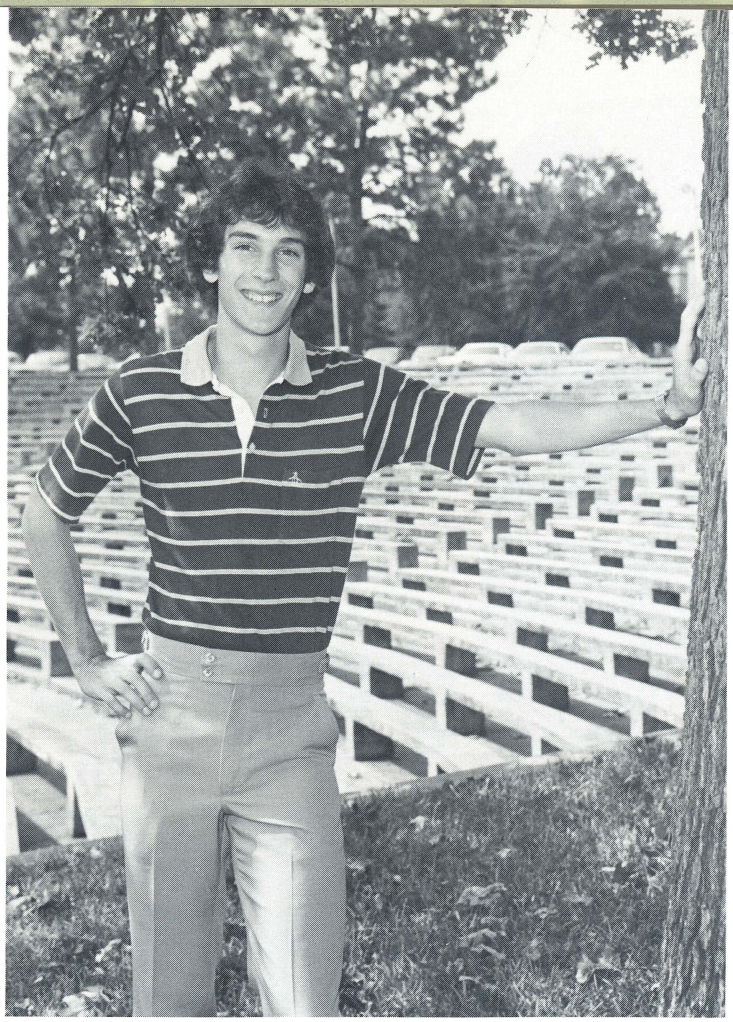
Background: Gents hope this comes true—voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by his senior class at Longview High ... a three-year basketball letterman ... averaged 10.2 points a game last year and 9.1 assists ... broke school record for assists in season, district games and a single game (16) ... top scoring game was 26 ... coached by Leroy Romines, his team was 20-8 and played in league with Class AAAA state champ Lufkin, which beat Longview in two close decisions ... member of National Honor Society, Jr. Engineering Technical Society and Who's Who in America for high school students ... Major: Biology (pre-dentistry curriculum) ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Napoleon Byrdsong Jr. of Longview ... born Aug. 26, 1961.

LORIN GEORGE 42

Freshman Forward-Guard 6-5, 187
Gray, La. Age: 18

Regarded as a "sleeper" when he was recruited ... can help the Gents this year at forward, wing guard or even point guard ... a second team Louisiana Class AAAA All-State selection ... "He's the player we worked hardest on in Louisiana," said Gent Coach Tommy Canterbury. "I think he's the most underrated player in the state ... he has everything it takes to be a fine college player, except strength and experience. He's working hard on weights and playing time will come ... he's a very good shooter and he doesn't have to adjust to guard—he's played it all his life. As a big guard, he'll be tough to handle."

Background: He helped H.L. Bourgeois of Houma reach the Class AAAA state semifinals as a junior ... senior season hampered by a bout with mononucleosis ... he averaged 19.6 points and 7.8 rebounds a game ... single game highs of 33 points and 18 rebounds ... MVP in three tournaments and unanimous District 8-AAAA all-star team choice ... had 66 assists and 51 blocked shots as a senior ... Bourgeois coach was Charles "Gray" Folse ... 3.8 grade point average ... Major: Pre-Law ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Noil P. George Sr. ... born Aug. 22, 1961.



GREG HADDOX 13

Sophomore Guard 5-11, 140
Ruston, La. Age: 19

Played mostly in junior varsity games last season, but did get 24 minutes in six varsity games and made the traveling squad ... scored five points and had two rebounds, one assist and two steals ... made 2-of-8 floor shots, 1-of-3 free throws ... sparked a late rally against Louisiana Tech in his hometown of Ruston ... played point guard, but may also play some second guard this season because of his shooting ability ... "He's a good perimeter shooter," says Gent Coach Tommy Canterbury. "He's a smart player who knows what to do against pressure. Greg works very hard and gets the very most out of his ability."

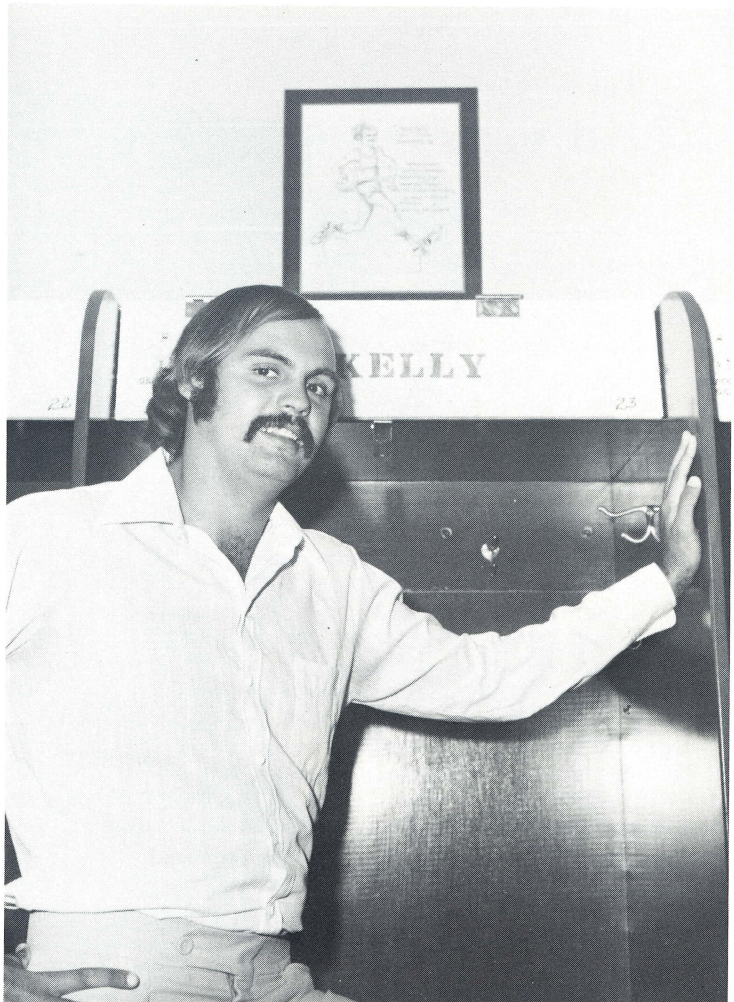
Background: A three-year letterman, two-year starter at Cedar Creek of Ruston, which won the Louisiana Independent School Assn. (LISA) Class AA state title each year he was on the team ... scored 738 career points, 524 of them as a senior (14.1 per game) ... 28 points his single game high ... he was a co-captain, twice all-district, all-state and an All-Star Game participant ... made two all-tournament teams, winning "Mr. Hustle" award at one of them ... president of Cedar Creek's student council as a senior ... Prep coach was Tommy Joe Eagles ... Major: Health and Physical Education ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Haddox ... born March 11, 1960.

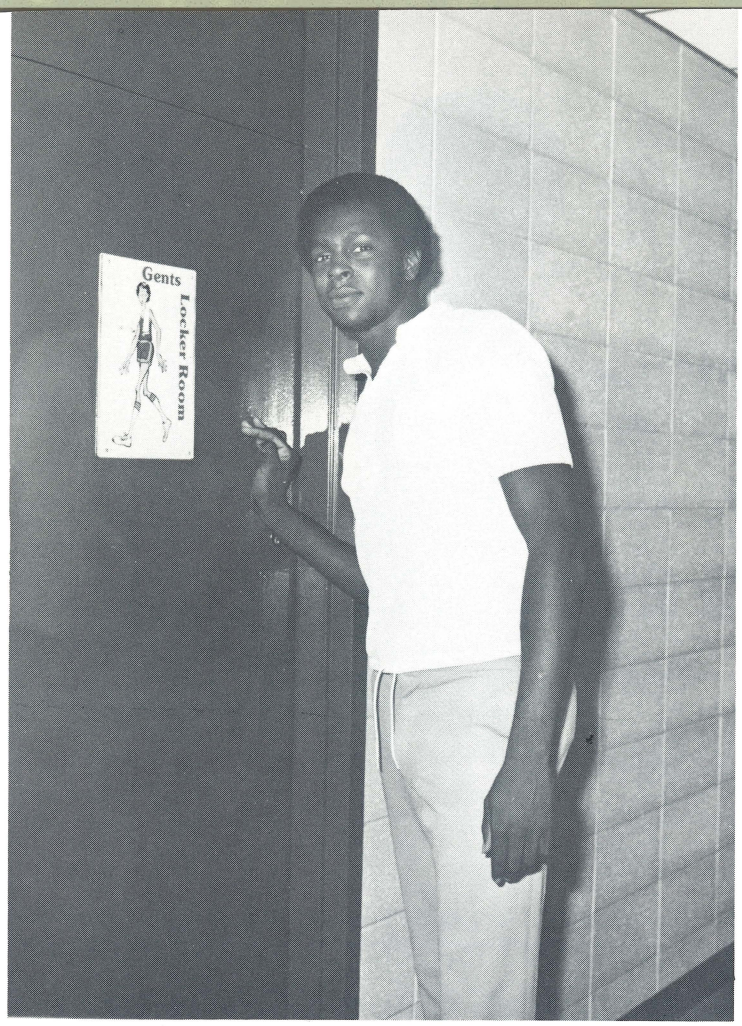
STEVE KELLY 23

Junior Guard 6-1, 185
Bossier City, La. Age: 21

A spot player his first two seasons, although he did contribute in key situations several times ... his role should be magnified this season ... his defense sparked an overtime win at North Texas State last year ... averaged 6.5 minutes in 21 games last season, scored 31 points with 11 rebounds, 14 assists, 13 turnovers and eight steals ... shot .500 (12-of-24) from floor ... has career totals of 51 points and 29 assists in 35 games ... high game of six points ... "We're depending on him to give us his usual steady play," says Gent Coach Tommy Canterbury. "He's not a flashy player, but he is consistent and plays very smart. He makes few mistakes and he's cool in pressure."

Background: Shreveport-Bossier's second-best career point scorer behind Robert Parish ... started every game for four years for Airline and his teams had a 105-38 record with three straight District 2-AAAA titles ... he scored 2,218 points, an average of 15.5 per game ... high game of 41 came in state playoffs ... All-City three times, twice as "Outstanding Player," and all-district three times, once as "Outstanding Player" ... second team All-State in AAAA ... earned reputation as a great clutch player ... Prep coach was Miles Holladay ... Major: Accounting ... Son of Mrs. Betty Kelly ... born July 2, 1958.





CHEROKEE RHONE 44

Sophomore Center 6-8, 215
Springhill, La. Age: 19

Nicknamed "Chief" because of his first name ... it's appropriate considering his role this season ... he's the big hope at center ... transfer from Panola (Tex.) Junior College, where he played one season ... Gent Coach Tommy Canterbury coached him two years at Springhill High ... "He's proven he can play in junior college and I think he's ready to do it in Division I," says Canterbury. "He's capable of scoring 20 points every time he steps on the floor. We haven't had this kind of offensive threat in the middle since Parish. He can drive, shoot the jumper, get the assists" ... well-recruited after an outstanding season at Panola.

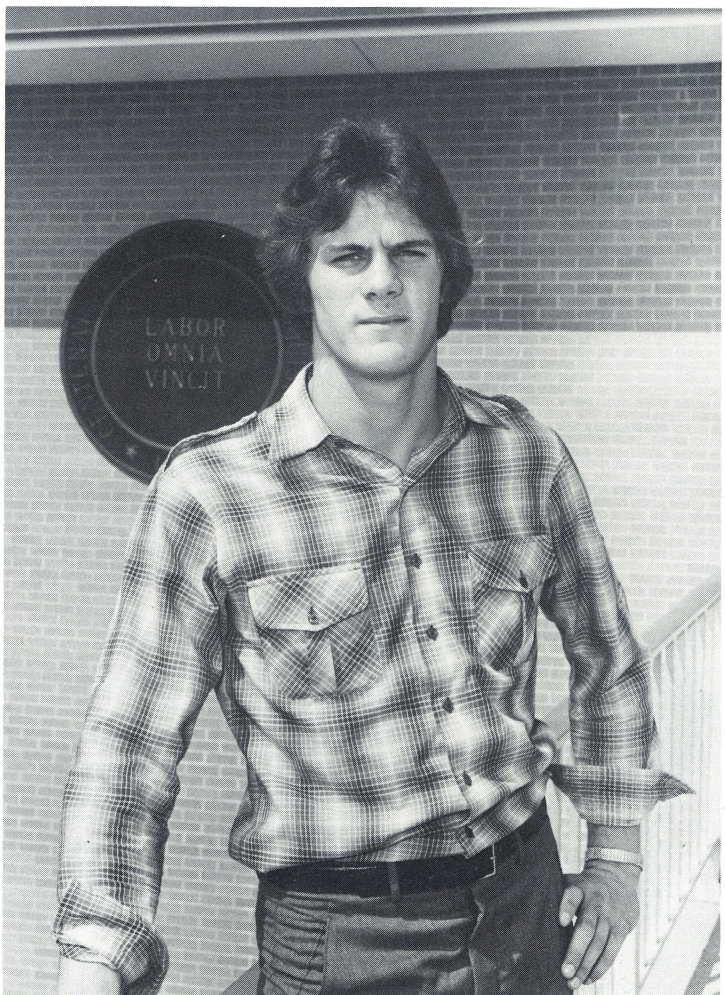
Background: A first team Class AAA All-State selection as a senior at Springhill and the "Outstanding Player" in District 1-AAA ... averaged 26.5 points and 12.7 rebounds a game ... scored 46 points in one game and 44 in another ... helped Panola to its best record ever (30-6), the Texas Eastern Conference title and the Region 14 crown ... at one time, Panola was ranked No. 1 nationally among jucos ... All-Texas Eastern Conference first team ... averaged 17 points and 11 rebounds a game ... prep coach was Odell Scott ... his Panola coach, Andy Russo, now head coach at Louisiana Tech ... Major: Health and Physical Education ... Son of Mrs. Bernice Rhone ... born July 26, 1960.

BILLY RIESER 22

Sophomore Forward-Guard 6-4, 198
New York City, N.Y. Age: 19

For the second year in a row he will not be in the starting lineup until mid-season ... the reason this time is knee surgery in early November, repairing a torn cartilage in his left knee ... could be back by mid-January ... averaged 11.2 points a game last season once he broke into the starting lineup ... started 14 times in the second half of season, came out only because of injury ... for season averaged 7.8 points and 3.4 rebounds ... shot .477 from floor ... an all-out, physical player with good speed and leaping ability ... popular with fans ... blocked 14 shots ... penetrates well and outside shooting improved gradually, prompting move to guard several times ...could be at guard more frequently this season ... high game of 22 points vs. NIT participant Northeast Louisiana ... top rebound game 10 vs. Oklahoma City ... "He can be as good a player as we had hoped," says Gent Coach Tommy Canterbury, "but his health is a major factor. Even as explosive and rough as he plays, he shows finesse, too. He's versatile, which helps our team because we can make adjustments around him."

Background: First team All-City choice in New York City ... led Benjamin Franklin High to city semifinals with 23.5 points, 12.5 rebounds and six assists a game ... averaged 28 points as a junior ... made New York City Daily News and Post PSAL all-star teams ... MVP of the "City Game" (Public School vs. Catholic League stars) when he scored 25 points ... played in All-American Senior B.C.I. Classic in Phoenix, Ariz. ... New York writers compared his playing style to former pro great (and NYC product) Billy Cunningham ... prep coach was Stan Dinner ... Major: Business ... Son of Mrs. Rosalie Rieser ... born June 19, 1960.

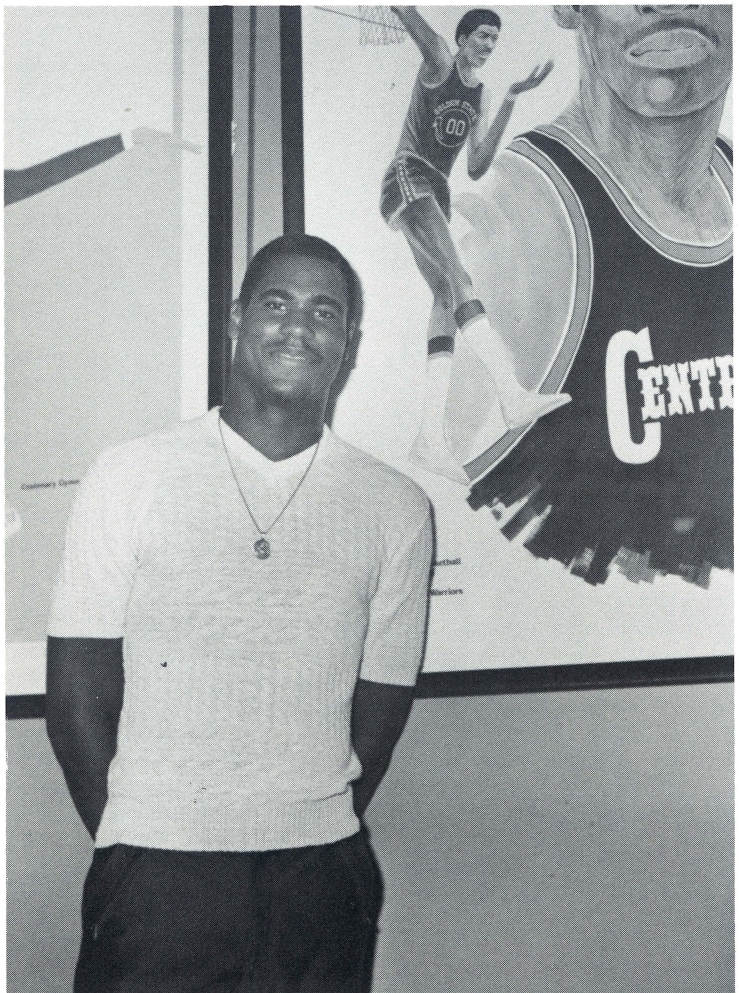


MORGAN SANDERS 50

Sophomore Forward 6-4, 194
Shreveport, La. Age: 19

A walk-on a year ago who is now on scholarship aid ... played with the junior varsity team last year and earned a reputation as a tough inside player not afraid to mix it up despite giving up size to most of his opponents ... helped a surprising Fair Park team to the Class AAAA state championship game in basketball two years ago ... starting center who averaged 14 points and 12 rebounds a game ... "He's a 100 per cent player," says Gent Coach Tommy Canterbury. "He's a good leaper and he's strong and he's very 'sneaky' inside. He's the kind of guy who keeps the ball alive offensively and gets a lot of follow-up baskets."

Background: A three-year basketball starter at Fair Park ... as a senior, made all-tournament teams at Airline and Coushatta and had 42 rebounds—a Shreveport-Bossier city record—in a single game (vs. Jesuit) ... also a three-year starter in football ... played wide receiver and then tight end and made 1-AAAA all-district two years and all-city once ... also ran track, made the Class AAAA regional meet in the quarter mile ... FP basketball coach his senior year was Ronnie Festavan ... Major: Health and Physical Education ... Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sanders of Shreveport ... born Aug. 13, 1960.



MICHAEL SHANNON 34

Sophomore Forward 6-7, 190
New Rochelle, N.Y. Age: 19

He finished last season as the top reserve up front ... appeared in 27 games, averaging 10½ minutes ... made one start ... scored 67 points (2.5 per game) and had 75 rebounds (2.8 average) ... shot .359 (23-of-64) from floor and .525 (21-of-40) on free throws ... high games of 8 points twice and 10 rebounds ... he'll challenge for a starting role this year ... can play center when needed ... "He's one of our strongest and most aggressive players," says Gent Coach Tommy Canterbury. "He'll definitely get a lot of playing time. We used him in some key situations last year, especially when we needed defense and he did a good job. But he must play under control, especially on offense. He's young, but with a lot of hard work he can be a solid player here."

Background: A three-year starter at New Rochelle High ... averaged 15.2 points, 13.5 rebounds and four blocked shots a game as a senior ... three times all-conference and twice All-Westchester County ... chosen to New York Post and Daily News all-county teams and All-New York State ... has a long list of all-star game appearances, including two trips to Moscow with a New York Metropolitan area team to play Russian all-stars ... he was the "Most Valuable Player" in the Detroit High School Motor City Classic ... high game of 30 points ... prep coach was Ronnie Rothstein ... Major: Government ... Son of Mrs. Edna Shannon ... born Oct. 12, 1960.

JERRY SMITH 30

Sophomore Forward 6-5, 185
Gardendale, Ala. Age: 19

Transfer from Southern Union Junior College in Wadley, Ala. ... figures to be in a backup role at forward ... "He's a rugged player," says Gent Coach Tommy Canterbury ..."He's not afraid to go in there and mix it up, although he's not real big. He's a quality shooter with good court awareness and good timing and he's intelligent. What he needs is more strength, but a plus is that he does have 25 college games behind him."

Background: He averaged 10 points and seven rebounds a game as a starter for a Southern Union club that had a 17-9 record ... had a high game of 21 points ... three-year player at Gardendale High School, averaged 16 points and 12 rebounds a game as a senior ... made second team all-county and made all-tournament in the sectional playoffs two years ... had high game of 26 points and combined 22 points and 25 rebounds in another ... also played two years of tennis ... president of the school's student council his senior year ... high school coach was Jack Standridge and his coach at Southern Union was Frank Gordouze ... Major: Business ... Son of Gerald R. and Melba Smith ... born Feb. 15, 1960.

ROYCE WILLIAMS 15

Sophomore Guard 6-1, 185
Monroe, La. Age: 19

He got on-the-job training at point guard last season ... a surprise starter to open the season, he started 28 of 29 games ... it was an adjustment for him because he played mostly wing guard in high school ... averaged 6.5 points and 2.0 rebounds ... had 94 assists (3.2 per game) and 33 steals ... shot .429 from floor, .569 on free throws ... high game 13 points vs. Grambling ... well-built, a tremendous leaper with speed and a knack for the spectacular play ... "He gained some very valuable experience last year," says Gent Coach Tommy Canterbury. "He's possibly the team's best athlete. He has strength and quickness and what he needs is more confidence in his shot and more control in his game. The year behind him should help in those areas. He has definite leadership qualities and he's a coachable hard worker."

Background: A four-year starter for Carroll High in Monroe ... the team reached the Class AAAA semifinals the last three years, had an 82-15 record with three straight District 3-AAAA titles ... scored 19.7 points a game as a senior and had 25 points in a playoff game, then 17 in a semifinal loss to eventual state champ Rummel ... all-district twice and honorable mention All-State as a senior ... MVP in Bobby James Memorial Tournament in Ruston ... high game 29 points ... prep coach was Jimmy Jones ... Major: Health and Physical Education ... Son of Elbert Stevens and Mrs. Mary Williams ... born May 16, 1960.

1978-79 STATISTICS

RECORD (29 Games): Won 9, Lost 20 (.310)

Home at Gold Dome: 6-6 ... Road: 2-12 ... Neutral Court: 1-2

PLAYER	G-GS	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	PF-Dq	A	TO	B1	St	Reb-Avg.	Pts-Avg.	MP-Avg.
George Lett	29-28	271-527	.514	128-172	.744	112-6	45	93	31	55	359-12.4	670-23.1	1037-35-8
Wayne Waggoner	29-29	196-419	.468	56-61	.918	35-1	56	73	3	18	92-3.2	448-15.4	978-33.7
John Derenbecker	28-27	111-242	.459	62-87	.713	51-2	107	82	10	35	216-.7.7	284-10.1	961-34.3
Norm Scullark	27-2	88-186	.473	51-64	.797	59-1	58	69	1	32	22-0.8	227-8.4	420-15.6
Billy Rieser	28-14	94-197	.477	29-49	.591	69-3	18	47	14	18	94-3.4	217-7.8	625-22.3
Royce Williams	29-28	80-187	.429	29-51	.569	71-5	94	75	4	33	57-2.0	189-6.5	760-26.2
Clarence Freeman	28-8	49-110	.445	30-68	.441	64-1	3	36	9	10	113-4.0	128-4.6	386-13.8
Walter Louis	24-8	29-50	.580	18-28	.643	30-0	7	18	0	3	43-1.8	76-3.2	237-9.9
Michael Shannon	27-1	23-64	.359	21-40	.525	48-0	8	28	8	5	75-2.8	67-2.5	284-10.5
Steve Kelly	21-0	12-24	.500	7-13	.538	10-0	14	13	0	8	11-0.5	31-1.5	136-.6.5
Steve Burkhalter	7-0	2-13	.154	7-9	.778	3-0	3	2	0	0	6-0.9	11-1.6	37-5.3
Greg Haddox	6-0	2-8	.250	1-3	.333	2-0	1	5	0	2	2-0.3	5-0.8	24-4.0
°Stan Elfrink	8-0	9-22	.409	1-6	.167	8-0	1	2	0	1	12-1.5	19-2.4	
°Willie Williams	2-0	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	0-0	1	1	1	0	2-1.0	2-1.0	
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GENT TOTALS	29	967-2053	.471	440-651	.676	562-19	416	544	81	220	1218-42.0	2374-81.9	
Opp. Totals	29	1053-2131	.494	396-566	.700	626-21	520	509	120	242	1223-42.2	2502-86.3	

Scoring Margin: -4.4 **Rebound Margin: -0.2** **DE Rebounds: Gents 53, Opponents 51**

GAME-BY-GAME RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result	Site—Att.	Top Gent Scorer
Nov. 25	Northwestern La.	W, 93-81	DOME—1,639	Lett—23
Nov. 28	College of Ozarks	W, 109-93	DOME—1,411	Lett—33
Nov. 30	LeTourneau	W, 113-73	DOME—1,104	Lett—22
Dec. 5	Doane (Neb.)	W, 106-87	DOME—1,027	Lett—18
Dec. 7	Valparaiso	W, 76-69 (OT)	Away—1,250	Louis—17
Dec. 9	Illinois	L, 60-86	Away—10,082	Scullark—14
Dec. 16	Arkansas	L, 57-77	Away—8,974	Waggoner—21
Dec. 21	°Grambling	L, 92-97	°HMC—1,505	Lett—27
Dec. 27	# Louisiana Tech	L, 71-94	#Away—1,200	Scullark—16
Dec. 28	# Austin Peay	W, 78-72	#Away—1,200	Lett—24
Jan. 4	Louisiana Tech	L, 61-64	Away—2,378	Scullark—20
Jan. 6	Oklahoma City	L, 93-116	DOME—1,157	Lett—28
Jan. 8	Northwestern La.	L, 79-80	Away—1,817	Waggoner—24
Jan. 13	So. Mississippi	W, 107-96	DOME—1,099	Lett—38
Jan. 15	No. Texas State	W, 91-88 (OT)	Away—2,200	Lett—37
Jan. 20	Southeastern La.	L, 70-79	DOME—1,055	Waggoner—19
Jan. 22	No. Texas State	L, 83-90 (2 OT)	DOME—1,103	Lett—31
Jan. 28	Portland	L, 91-111	Away—1,200	Lett—34
Jan. 30	Montana State	L, 82-104	Away—3,051	Rieser—19
Feb. 3	Portland State	L, 83-90	DOME—1,274	Lett—27
Feb. 5	Louisiana Tech	L, 76-108	DOME—1,127	Lett—22
Feb. 7	Georgia Southern	W, 110-91	DOME—1,037	Lett—42
Feb. 10	DePaul	L, 66-82	Away—3,939	Lett—21
Feb. 12	Hardin-Simmons	L, 61-63	Away— 600	Waggoner—20
Feb. 20	So. Mississippi	L, 76-78 (OT)	Away—2,246	Lett—28
Feb. 24	Northeast La.	L, 66-76	DOME—2,613	Rieser—22
Feb. 26	Pepperdine	L, 86-104	Away— 800	Waggoner—33
March 2	Hawaii	L, 64-75	Away—3,171	Lett—31
March 3	Hawaii	L, 74-78	Away—3,412	Lett—28

°at Hirsch Memorial Coliseum (Shreveport)
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 64,671 (2,230 average)

Senior Bowl Tournament at Mobile, Ala.
DOME Attendance: 15,646 (1,304 avg. for 12 games)

TRANS AMERICA BASKETBALL

1979-80 CONFERENCE GAMES

Nov. 30—Houston Baptist at CENTENARY
Dec. 6—CENTENARY at Northeast Louisiana
Dec. 20— Northeast Louisiana at Pan American
Dec. 28—Hardin-Simmons at Northeast Louisiana
Jan. 3—Mercer at Northeast Louisiana
Jan. 12—Houston Baptist at Hardin-Simmons
Jan. 19—Mercer at Samford
Jan. 22—Mercer at Pan American
Jan. 23—Samford at Houston Baptist
Feb. 7—Northeast Louisiana at Samford
Pan American at Houston Baptist
Feb. 11—Pan American at Hardin-Simmons
Feb. 13—Houston Baptist at Mercer
Feb. 14—Pan American at CENTENARY
Feb. 16—CENTENARY at Mercer
Feb. 18—Northeast Louisiana at Houston Baptist
Hardin-Simmons at Mercer
Feb. 19—Hardin-Simmons at Samford
Feb. 21—Samford at CENTENARY
Feb. 23—Samford at Pan American
Feb. 25—CENTENARY at Hardin-Simmons

1978-79 BASKETBALL RECORDS

Centenary	9-20	Northeast Louisiana	23-6
Hardin-Simmons	7-20	*Oklahoma City	18-11
Houston Baptist	11-16	Pan American	13-13
Mercer	21-6	Samford	11-16

*no longer in the conference

First Annual TAAC Tournament
Monroe, La., March 1-3, 1979

First Round:
Houston Baptist 68, Samford 66
Oklahoma City 90, Hardin-Simmons 80
Semifinals:
Mercer 90, Oklahoma City 70
Northeast Louisiana 89, Houston Baptist 62
3rd Place:
Oklahoma City 83, Houston Baptist 77
Championship:
Northeast Louisiana 90, Mercer 69
(Centenary and Pan American did not compete)

1978-79 All-TAAC Team

(Player, School, Ht., Class, Hometown, Scoring Avg.)

Steve Barker, Samford, 6-4 Fr., Owensboro, Ky., 15.6 (Newcomer of the Year); Mike Dabney, Hardin-Simmons, 6-4 Sr., Silsbee, Tex., 16.1; David Hall, Northeast Louisiana, 6-6 Sr., Ashdown, Ark., 14.1; Ernie Hill, Oklahoma City, 6-4 Jr., Pontiac, Mich., 26.6; Tim Jones, Houston Baptist, 6-5 Jr., Lakeland, Fla., 14.6; GEORGE LETT, Centenary, 6-7 Jr., New York, N.Y., 23.1; Robert Miles, Mercer, 6-8 Sr., Rowland, N.C., 14.4; Calvin Natt, Northeast Louisiana, 6-5 Sr., Bastrop, La., 24.4 (Player of the Year); Stewart Reese, Mercer, 6-2 Sr., Gifford, Fla., 17.4; Eugene Robinson, Northeast Louisiana, 6-8 Jr., Bastrop, La., 11.3

COACH OF THE YEAR: Lenny Fant, Northeast Louisiana.

INFORMATION ON 1979-80 OPPONENTS

Opponent	Head Coach	College Record (Record at School)	Nickname	1978-79 Record (Home)	SID	Office Phone	Home Phone
Houston Baptist	Gene Iba	2 yrs., 18-35 (.339)	Huskies	11-16 (8-3)	Billy Siems	(713) 774-7661	(713) 667-5760
Arkansas	Eddie Sutton	10 yrs., 201-77 (.723) 5 yrs., 119-29 (.804)	Razorbacks	25-5 (13-2)	Rick Schaeffer	(501) 575-2751	(501) 521-7393
Northeast Louisiana	Benny Hollis	first year	Indians	23-6 (16-1)	Bob Anderson	(318) 342-4015	(318) 343-2343
Arkansas Tech	George Jones	6 yrs., 48-91 (.345) 3 yrs., 25-54 (.316)	Wonder Boys	7-21 (4-10)	Jim Staggs	(501) 968-0242	(501) 293-4577
Louisiana Tech	Andy Russo	first year	Bulldogs	17-8 (10-3)	Keith Prince	(318) 257-3144	(318) 255-7769
Long Island	Paul Lizzo	8 yrs., 95-104 (.476) 4 yrs., 44-59 (.427)	Blackbirds	12-13 (9-4)	Bill Huffman	(212) 834-6090	
Siena	Bill Kirsch	7 yrs., 96-84 (.533)	Indians	14-12 (11-1)	John Hinds	(518) 783-2411	
St. John's	Lou Carnesecca	11 yrs., 232-85 (.732)	Redmen	21-11 (11-5)	Bill Esposito	(367) 969-8000	(367) 261-6792
Middle Tennessee St.	Stanley Simpson	first year	Blue Raiders	16-11 (11-4)	Ed Arning	(615) 898-2450	
Northern Iowa	Jim Berry	9 yrs., 117-141 (.453) 6 yrs., 61-100 (.378)	Panthers	18-11 (11-2)	Brad Larsen	(319) 273-6354	(319) 277-5820
Northwestern State	Tynes Hildebrand	14 yrs., 186-179 (.511)	Demons	7-19 (5-6)	Dan McDonald	(318) 357-6466	(318) 352-5499
Alaska-Anchorage	Gary Bliss				Gary Montgomery	(907) 263-1431	
Illinois State	Bob Donewald	1 yr., 20-10 (.667)	Redbirds	20-10 (13-1)	Roger Cushman	(309) 438-5631	(309) 452-5170
Valparaiso	Ken Rochlitz	3 yrs., 23-53 (.301)	Crusaders	4-21 (3-11)	Dick Fick	(219) 464-5232	(219) 462-3843
Southeastern La.	Ken Fortenberry	5 yrs., 61-66 (.480)	Lions	7-19 (5-8)	Larry Hymel	(504) 549-2245	(504) 345-6442
North Texas State	Bill Blakeley	5 yrs., 76-32 (.704)	Mean Green	11-16 (6-6)	Fred Graham	(817) 788-2278	(817) 382-3325
Pan American	Bill White	11 yrs., 160-118 (.576) 3 yrs., 52-26 (.667)	Broncs	13-13 (9-3)	Jim McKone	(512) 381-2228	(512) 682-5319
Mercer	Bill Bibb	5 yrs., 67-63 (.515)	Bears	21-6 (12-2)	Jack Pigott	(335) 745-6811	(335) 743-7398
Samford	Cliff Wettig	12 yrs., 156-118 (.569) first year	Bulldogs	11-16 (9-7)	Bill Nunnelley	(205) 870-2921	(205) 879-7237
Hardin-Simmons	Jim Shuler	7 yrs., 106-82 (.564) 2 yrs., 17-36 (.321)	Cowboys	7-20 (6-8)	Kelly Autry	(915) 677-7281	(915) 676-3886

AN HONOR ROLL OF OPPONENTS

It's a fact that Centenary has played some of the nation's leading college basketball teams the past five seasons. Here is an honor roll of those teams and their accomplishments:

Opponent	Where They've Been ...	Played Centenary in ...
Marquette	NCAA Champion, 1976-77	1977-78
Nevada-Las Vegas	NCAA Final Four, 1976-77	1975-76
UNC-Charlotte	NCAA Final Four, 1976-77	1975-76
Arkansas	NCAA Final Four, 1977-78	1978-79
	Regional finals, 1978-79	1979-80
Indiana State	NCAA Final Four, 1978-79	1976-77
DePaul	NCAA Final Four, 1978-79	1977-78, 1978-79
U. of Texas	NIT Champion, 1977-78	1977-78
Pepperdine	NCAA Tournament, 1978-79	1978-79
Northeast Louisiana	NIT Tournament, 1978-79	EVERY YEAR
Lamar	NCAA Tournament, 1978-79	1977-78
Detroit	NCAA Tournament, 1976-77, 1978-79	1976-77
Iona	NCAA Tournament, 1978-79	1977-78
Illinois State	NIT Tournament, 1977-78	1977-78, 1979-80
Creighton	NIT Tournament, 1977-78	1976-77
Illinois	Nationally-ranked, 1978-79	1978-79
St. John's	NCAA Regional Finals, 1978-79	1979-80

SERIES RECORDS VS. OPPONENTS

Houston Baptist, 8-0
Arkansas, 4-13 *
Northeast Louisiana, 10-3
Arkansas Tech, 1st meeting
Louisiana Tech, 76-41
Long Island, 1-2
Siena, 1st meeting
St. John's, 1st meeting
Middle Tennessee State, 1-2*
Northern Iowa, 1st meeting
Northwestern State, 28-38
Alaska-Anchorage, 1st meeting
Illinois State, 3-1
Valparaiso, 1-0
Southeastern Louisiana, 13-6*
North Texas State, 8-7
Pan American, 1-3
Mercer, 1st meeting
Samford, 1st meeting
Hardin-Simmons, 22-9*
*since World War II

Gents on Radio, Television

If they had a Top Twenty of most powerful college basketball radio broadcasts, Centenary's games on KWKH Radio in Shreveport would be a good candidate for it.

For the ninth straight season, KWKH will air the Centenary action home and away. And, as always, it will carry a long way.

KWKH (1130 AM) is a full-time 50,000-watt station that transmits into 32 states. Which explains why it's not unusual for Centenary to be far from home and have fans greet the broadcast team with "Hey, I listen to your games sometimes."

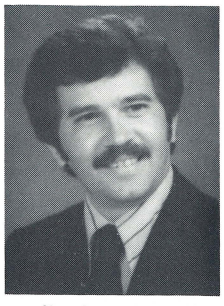
For the seventh straight year, the primary "Voice of the Gents" will be KWKH Sports Director Jim Hawthorne, who has gone from coast-to-coast and beyond (Hawaii) with them.

Hawthorne this season will also do play-by-play for LSU basketball, so he will share the Centenary play-by-play duties with Tracy Jackson.

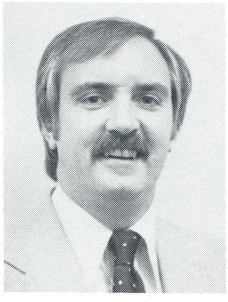
Owner of Manpower, Inc., in the Ark-La-Tex, Jackson is a veteran of 14 years of football and basketball play-by-play, mostly with Kent State University and Ohio University.

KWKH sales manager Jerry Frentress, who has done play-by-play for Texas prep football, also will be part of the broadcast unit.

And the Gents will have seven home games on television on a replay basis on Cablevision of Shreveport. The KWKH broadcasts will be tied into those TV replays.



Jim Hawthorne



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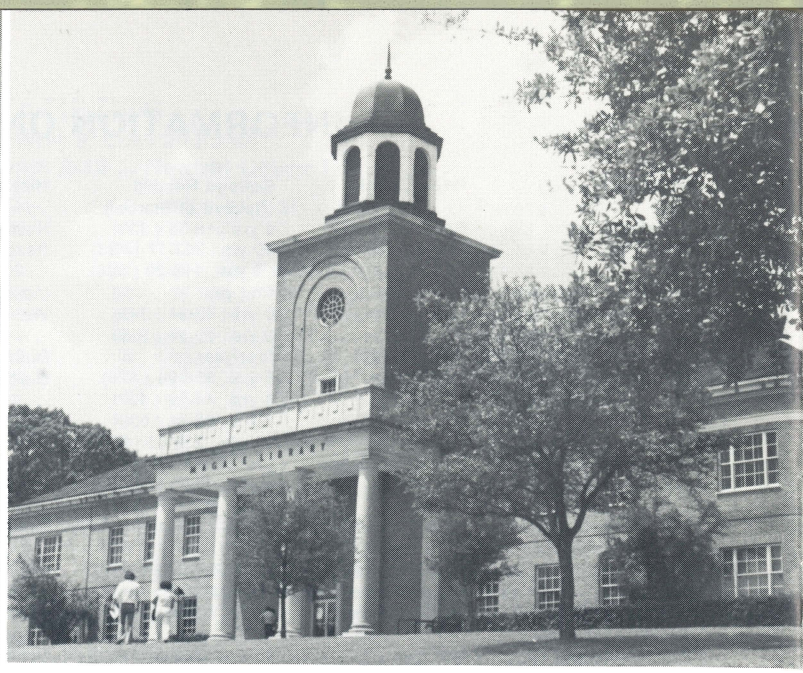


CENTENARY COLLEGE ...

A Proud Tradition

The Centenary Experience: For the Education of Your Life!

That is Centenary's theme for the '80s ... that, and an emphasis on quality in every department.

Centenary is old and proud, yet ever changing to meet the needs of today's collegian. It has a strong academic reputation, keyed by an excellent student-teacher ratio of 13-1 that means more individual attention for the student.

Founded in 1825, Centenary is the oldest chartered institution of higher education in the U.S. west of the Mississippi River.

It is a fully-accredited, four-year liberal arts college affiliated with the United Methodist Church. It plays an important role in Shreveport, center of the Ark-La-Tex region.

Centenary's choir is internationally known. Its theatre and music departments are popular; its school of church careers very distinctive; 81 per cent of its pre-med students qualify for med school (the national average is 39 per cent); 100 per cent of its pre-law students get into law school; the foreign language and geology departments are expanding; graduate program enrollment (in business and education) is up 20 per cent; and the freshman class enrollment is up 10.8 per cent.

It is a forum for noted speakers, like pioneer heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey and speaker of the British House of Commons, George Thomas. The beauty of the campus is well-known and there is a wide variety of social activities for students.

Shreveport is located in Northwest Louisiana, just 20 miles east of the Texas state line. The greater area has a population of about 348,000.

The city hosts the Holiday-in-Dixie Festival each April, the Red River Revel in September and the Louisiana State Fair each October.

Shreveport's 52,000-seat State Fair Stadium, formerly home of a World Football League team, is now the site for major college football games each fall, including the Independence Bowl.

It has a pro baseball team (the Captains) in the Class AA Texas League and hosts many major golf and tennis events.

Across the Red River in Bossier City are Barksdale Air Force Base and Louisiana Downs, the fastest-growing thoroughbred racing facility in the country.

At the heart of the community is Centenary — where quality counts.

THE PHONE BOOK

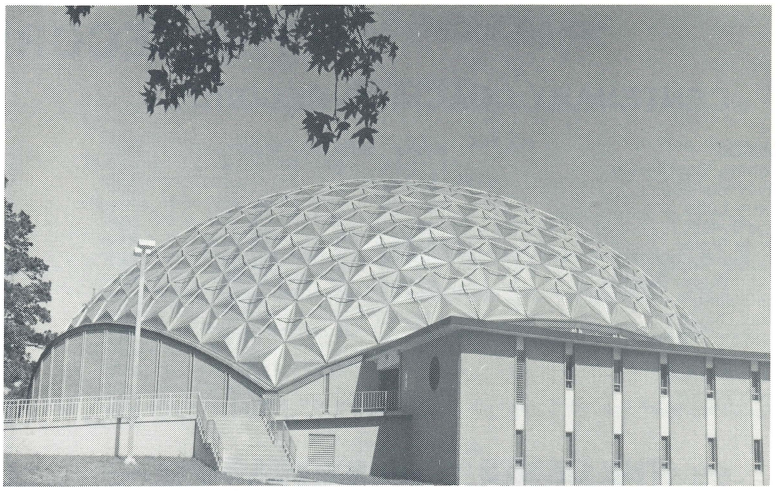
Area Code: 318

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT	
OFFICE NUMBER	869-5275
	HOME NUMBER
Floyd Horgen Athletic Director-Golf Coach	869-1021
Tommy Canterbury Head Basketball Coach	742-3246
Tommy Vardeman Assistant Basketball Coach	949-9613
Nico Van Thyn Sports Information Director	865-2722
Best time to reach Canterbury at office	9 a.m.-12 noon

MRS. PAT ROBERTSON
Athletic Dept. Secretary

The Gold Dome:

Home of Centenary Basketball ... and Much, Much More



A first-time visitor to the Gold Dome usually has this reaction: "What IS it that is different in here?"

The difference is indirect lighting. There are no overhead lights. Light banks are located in the four corners with the light reflecting off the geodesic forms that make up the Dome ceiling which rises to 81 feet at the center.

Once you get accustomed to it, the concensus is that the Gold Dome is (1) beautiful and (2) functional.

Constructed at a cost of $1.5 million and located just south of Kings Highway and the main Centenary campus, it was opened in 1971.

Its eye-catching gold anodized aluminum dome is a landmark of the campus.

In eight seasons on the Tartan playing surface, Centenary basketball teams have won 72 of 98 games, a .735 percentage.

For basketball, its seating includes cushioned armchairs on the upper level and bleachers encircling the court, putting fans right on top of the action. Full capacity is close to 4,000.

It is widely used. It is a health and physical education building and a center for convocations ... Centenary graduation, the annual Louisiana Methodist Conference, high school graduations, musical concerts. Home gymnastics meets will be staged there.

The building is completely air-conditioned and contains office space for the athletic and physical education departments, two classrooms, five large dressing rooms (carpeted for the basketball and baseball teams), a weight room, a Gents Club lounge and handball and racquetball courts that stay in constant use.

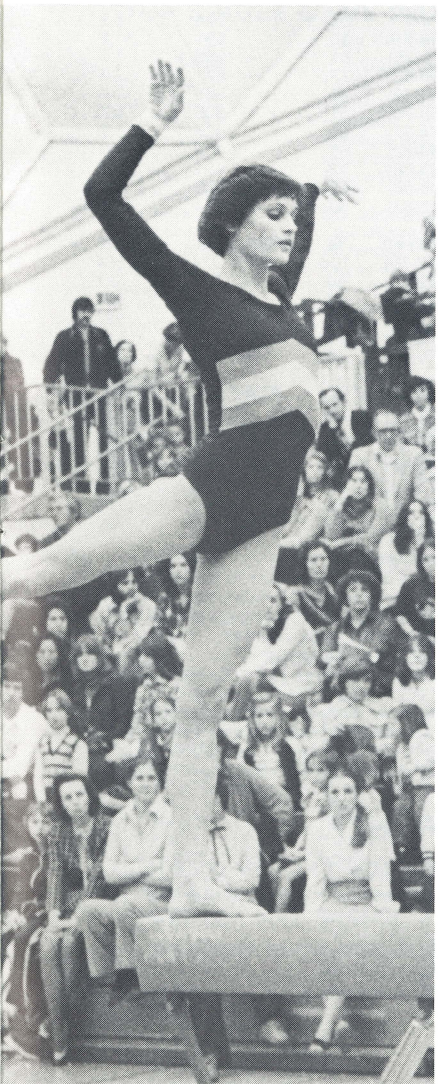
The basketball court can be converted into two cross-court basketball courts and four volleyball or badminton courts. And Jimmy Connors is among those who have played professional tennis in the Dome.

Centenary also plays games at Hirsch Memorial Coliseum on the Louisiana State Fairgrounds. Home of the Gents for 14 seasons (1956-70), it can hold 10,000 for basketball.

That's where the "Centenary Doubleheader" will be played Jan. 10 with Centenary meeting Alaska-Anchorage at 6 p.m. and Notre Dame playing Tulane at 8 p.m.

CENTENARY IN GOLD DOME

Season	W-L	Pct.
1971-72	9-5	.653
1972-73	11-2	.846
1973-74	12-0	1.000
1974-75	13-1	.929
1975-76	10-1	.909
1976-77	5-6	.455
1977-78	6-5	.545
1978-79	6-6	.500
TOTALS	72-26	.735



Centenary Athletics ...

Quality!

A basketball team that plays some of the nation's best each year ... two straight national championships in women's gymnastics ... a baseball team improving on the field and a baseball park that has undergone a drastic facelift ... the Trans America Athletic Conference ... a golf team that is a national champion contender ... a best-ever cross country team ... a new coach and new enthusiasm (with a great city following) in tennis ... soccer—a new intercollegiate sport.

It's a commitment to quality in Centenary athletics.

There is no way it would be possible without the strong support of The Gents Club booster organization.

It raises money that is necessary to make Centenary athletics go and grow.

"Bigger and better" has been a Gents Club motto for several years. This year it should be "BIGGER and BETTER."

Because the club membership has gone from the 300-level to the 600-level and the amount raised has nearly doubled, too. A goal of 1,000 members is a year away.

That's not counting $20,000 for gymnastics equipment—paving the way for a home schedule and the AIAW Small College national championship meet—or the funds contributed for improving the baseball facility or many other services provided in various sports.

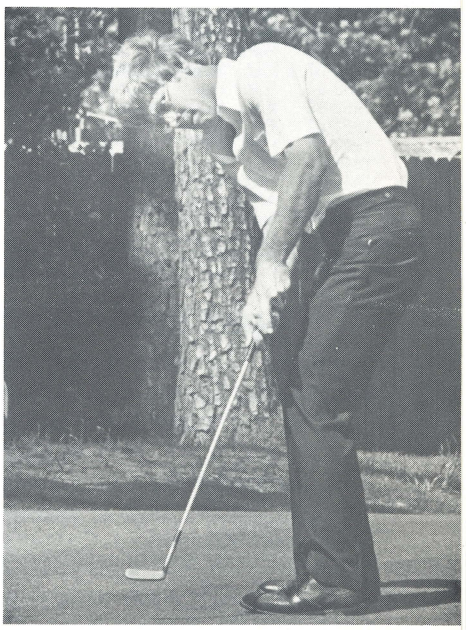
Gents Club members are business and civic leaders in Shreveport-Bossier and North Louisiana and Centenary boosters locally and throughout the nation.

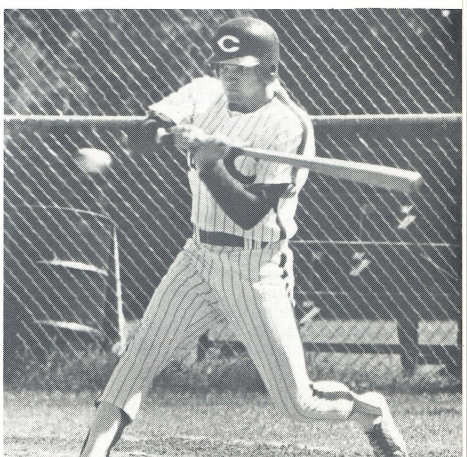
For the second year in a row Gents Club officers are Ronnie Sawyer, president; Harper Cox, vice-president; Howard Sutton, vice-president; and Ron Roberts, treasurer.

Ex-Centenary gymnast Kathy Johnson is among the world's best and hopes to make it to the '80 Olympics in Moscow. Beth Johnson, individual AIAW Small College national champ, returns for her junior year after representing the U.S. in the World University Games in Mexico City.

Senior golfer Hal Sutton played on the U.S. Walker Cup team, a winner over Great Britain in Scotland.

Two Centenary players who finished in '78 are now in pro baseball and two returning seniors, pitcher Ken Babcock and catcher Mitch Ashmore, were drafted last summer.





THE RECORD BOOK

CENTENARY COACHING RECORDS

Coach	Years	Seasons	Won-Lost	Pct.
Tommy Canterbury	1977-79	2	15-29	.341
Riley Wallace	1976-78	2	15-27	.357
Larry Little	1971-76	5	100-33	.752
Joe Swank	1968-71	3	30-47	.390
Orvis Sigler	1958-68	10	122-134	.476
Harold Mooty	1955-58	3	50-28	.641
F.H. "Buss" Delaney	1949-55	6	95-76	.556
Ab Young	1947-49	2	32-36	.471
Jack Clayton	1946-47	1	16-7	.696
Clayton Cornish	1945-46	1	2-12	.143
Elmer Smith	1939-42	3	24-23	.511
Curtis Parker	1927-39	12	228-77	.747
George Hoy	1926-27	1	2-15	.118
Homer Norton	1922-26	5	40-31	.563

THE GENTS YEAR-BY-YEAR

Season	Coach	W-L	Pct.	Home	Away
1978-79	Tommy Canterbury	9-20	.310	6-6	3-14
1977-78	Riley Wallace (4-8) and Tommy Canterbury (6-9)	10-17	.370	6-6	4-11
1976-77	Riley Wallace	11-19	.367	5-7	6-12
1975-76	Larry Little	22-5	.815	10-1	12-4
1974-75	Larry Little	25-4	.862	13-1	12-3
1973-74	Larry Little	21-4	.840	12-0	9-4
1972-73	Larry Little	19-8	.704	11-2	8-6
1971-72	Larry Little	13-12	.520	9-5	4-7
1970-71	Joe Swank	13-13	.500	10-7	3-6
1969-70	Joe Swank	8-16	.333	7-5	1-11
1968-69	Joe Swank	9-18	.333	7-6	2-12
1967-68	Orvis Sigler	3-23	.115	2-10	1-13
1966-67	Orvis Sigler	9-17	.346	5-8	4-9
1965-66	Orvis Sigler	12-14	.462	6-7	6-7
1964-65	Orvis Sigler	13-11	.542	9-2	4-9
1963-64	Orvis Sigler	16-8	.667	9-2	7-6
1962-63	Orvis Sigler	12-14	.462	9-5	3-9
1961-62	Orvis Sigler	17-9	.654	13-1	4-8
1960-61	Orvis Sigler	14-12	.538	9-6	5-6
1959-60	Orvis Sigler	12-12	.500	8-7	4-5
1958-59	Orvis Sigler	14-14	.500	8-7	6-7
1957-58	Harold Mooty	14-12	.538	11-4	3-8
1956-57	Harold Mooty	16-9	.640	12-3	4-6
1955-56	Harold Mooty	20-7	.741	15-3	5-4
1954-55	F.H. "Buss" Delaney	14-12	.538	10-3	4-9
1953-54	F.H. "Buss" Delaney	13-12	.520	11-4	2-8
1952-53	F.H. "Buss" Delaney	21-10	.677	12-3	9-7
1951-52	F.H. "Buss" Delaney	17-17	.500	10-3	7-14
1950-51	F.H. "Buss" Delaney	16-13	.552	10-2	6-11
1949-50	F.H. "Buss" Delaney	14-12	.538	10-2	4-10
1948-49	*Ab Young	21-15	.583	13-2	8-13
1947-48	Ab Young	11-21	.344	8-8	3-13
1946-47	Jack Clayton	16-7	.695	10-4	6-3
1945-46	Clayton Cornish	2-12	.143	2-5	0-7
1942-45	PROGRAM SUSPENDED BY WAR				

*Resigned Feb. 1, Glenn Smith completed season.

POST SEASON TOURNAMENTS

1952 NAIA at Kansas City

Murray (Ky.) State 72, Centenary 46

NCAA Small College Regionals

1957 at Shreveport

East Tennessee State 62, Centenary 61 (OT)

1958 at Springfield, Mo.

Southwest Missouri 74, Centenary 69

Arkansas State 83, Centenary 70

1959 at Springfield, Mo.

Centenary 83, Western Illinois 76

Southwest Missouri 75, Centenary 62

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE SEASON

Most Points—726, Tom Kerwin, 1965-66
Best Scoring Average—27.9, Tom Kerwin, 1965-66
Most Field Goal Attempts—607, Bobby White, 1976-77 (made 274)
Most Field Goals Made—288, Robert Parish, 1975-76 (att. 489)
Best Field Goal Percentage—.589, Robert Parish, 1975-76 (288 of 489)
Most Free Throw Attempts—206, Tom Kerwin, 1965-66 (made 162)
Most Free Throws Made—162, Tom Kerwin, 1965-66 (att. 206)
Best Free Throw Percentage—.918, Wayne Waggoner, 1978-79 (56 of 61)
Most Rebounds—505, Robert Parish, 1972-73
Best Rebound Average—18.7, Robert Parish, 1972-73
Most Assists—184, Melvin Russell, 1972-73
Most Personal Fouls—119, John Pitts, 1976-77
Most Disqualifications—16, Dwayne McAfee, 1967-68

CAREER LEADERS

Games

Dean Veatch 119; Lenny Fant 115; Bob Wright 114; Robert Parish 108; Dean Duncan 108; Reece Timmons 106; Art Franklin 103; Larry Teague 98; Bobby White 95; Ron Viskozki 90; Cleve Strong 89; Wayne Thrash 89; Joey Johnson 88; Bill Spangler 86; John Pitts 86; Al Barnes 86.

SCORING	Years Played	G	Points	Avg.
Robert Parish	4 (1972-76)	108	2,334	21.6
Tom Kerwin	3 (1963-66)	74	1,910	25.8
Larry Ward	3 (1966-69)	78	1,512	19.4
Leon Johnson	3 (1972-75)	81	1,444	17.8
Bobby White	4 (1974-78)	95	1,298	13.7
Barrie Haynie	3 (1963-66)	73	1,243	17.0
Larry Davis	3 (1970-73)	75	1,237	16.5
Nate Bland	3 (1973-76)	81	1,216	15.0
Bob Wright	4 (1950-54)	114	1,112	9.8
Joey Johnson	3 (1948-51)	88	1,067	12.1
Jackie Crawford	3 (1958-61)	73	1,060	14.5
Stan McAfoos	3 (1961-64)	76	1,051	13.8
Dean Veatch	4 (1947-51)	119	999	8.4
Lenny Fant	4 (1946-50)	115	979	8.5
John Blankenship	3 (1966-69)	78	968	12.4
Cecil Upshaw	3 (1961-64)	69	946	13.7
Ron Viskozki	4 (1953-57)	90	938	10.4
George Lett	2 (1977-79)	42	921	21.9
Larry Teague	4 (1953-57)	98	830	8.5
Connie Mack Rea	2 (1951-53)	52	828	15.9
Jesse Marshall	2 (1968-70)	51	811	15.9
Barry McLeod	3 (1973-76)	77	811	10.5
Riley Wallace	3 (1960-63)	77	795	10.3
John Hickerson	3 (1970-73)	78	789	10.1
Fred Zitar	2 (1969-71)	50	787	15.7
Burl Plunkett	2 (1953-55)	47	750	16.0
Dale Van Bibber	3 (1959-62)	66	734	11.1
John Pitts	3 (1974-77)	86	698	8.1

REBOUNDING	Years Played	G	Rebounds	Avg.
Robert Parish	4 (1972-76)	108	1,820	16.9
Tom Kerwin	3 (1963-66)	74	748	10.1
Jackie Crawford	3 (1958-61)	73	697	9.5
Larry Teague	4 (1953-57)	98	679	6.9
Barrie Haynie	3 (1963-66)	73	672	9.2
Bobby White	4 (1974-78)	95	619	6.5
John Pitts	3 (1974-77)	86	594	6.9
Fred Zitar	2 (1969-71)	50	591	11.8
Leon Johnson	3 (1972-75)	81	582	7.2
Riley Wallace	3 (1960-63)	77	571	7.4
George Lett	2 (1977-79)	42	505	12.0
Jesse Marshall	2 (1968-70)	51	505	9.9
Al Barnes	3 (1974-77)	86	505	5.9
Dale Van Bibber	3 (1959-62)	66	462	7.0
Larry Shoemaker	3 (1963-66)	72	451	6.3
Morris Schrimsher	2 (1956-58)	46	425	9.2
Billy Hester	1 (1952-53)	30	414	13.8

FG PERCENTAGE	Years Played	G	FGA-FGM	Pct.
Robert Parish	4 (1972-76)	108	1832-1034	.564
Fred Zitar	2 (1969-71)	50	561-301	.537
Jerry Waugh	3 (1972-75)	77	342-182	.532
Al Barnes	3 (1974-77)	86	471-248	.527
Nate Bland	3 (1973-76)	81	1056-546	.517
Larry Davis	3 (1970-73)	75	990-510	.515

FT PERCENTAGE	Years Played	G	FTA-FTM	Pct.
Wayne Waggoner	2 (1977-79)	56	90-79	.878
Larry Ward	3 (1966-69)	78	341-298	.874
Ron Viskozki	4 (1953-57)	90	304-248	.816
Milton Williams	2 (1956-58)	44	184-149	.810
Dave Deets	3 (1971-74)	71	77-62	.805
Billy Eubanks	2 (1958-60)	52	117-92	.786
Cecil Upshaw	3 (1961-64)	69	179-140	.782

ASSISTS (since 1968)

Barry McLeod 423; Melvin Russell 387; Lee Mansell 245; Aaron Strayhorn 226; Bill Schmidt 218; Dave Deets 179; Kevin Starke 166; John Hickerson 164; Leon Johnson 157; Nate Bland 151; Robert Parish 150; John Derenbecker 139; Larry Davis 125; Milton Horne 118; Jerry Waugh 118; Al Barnes 117.

MOST GAMES, 30 POINTS OR MORE

Tom Kerwin 24; Robert Parish 15; Larry Ward 8; George Lett 7; Barrie Haynie 7; Bobby White 4; John Blankenship 3; Bob Lang 3; Milton Williams 3; Burl Plunkett 3; Billy Hester 3; Fred Zitar 2; Jimmy Williams 2; Chris Cummings 2; Gerald Martello 1; Jackie Crawford 1; Larry Davis 1; Harold Mooty 1; Dave Gale 1; Leon Johnson 1; Connie Mack Rea 1; Cecil Upshaw 1; Larry Shoemaker 1; Claudell Lofton 1; Ron Viskozki 1; Lester Ralph 1; Aaron Strayhorn 1; Wayne Waggoner 1.

THE TOP TWENTY

Centenary was ranked in the nation's major college Top Twenty by the Associated Press 14 times during the 1973-74, 1974-75 and 1975-76 seasons. That included 11 weeks during the 1975-76 season when the Gents finished with a final ranking of No. 19.

SINGLE SEASON LEADERS

SCORING

Player	Season	Class	G	Pts.	Avg.
Tom Kerwin	1965-66	Sr.	26	726	27.9
Tom Kerwin	1963-64	So.	24	604	25.2
Robert Parish	1975-76	Sr.	27	669	24.8
Tom Kerwin	1964-65	Jr.	24	580	24.2
George Lett	1978-79	Jr.	26	670	23.1
Robert Parish	1972-73	Fr.	27	620	23.0
Larry Ward	1966-67	So.	25	575	22.1
Bob Lang	1967-68	So.	26	539	20.7
Larry Davis	1971-72	Jr.	25	512	20.5
Bobby White	1976-77	Jr.	30	611	20.2
Robert Parish	1973-74	So.	25	497	19.9
Nate Bland	1975-76	Sr.	27	534	19.8
Leon Johnson	1974-75	Sr.	29	572	19.7
George Lett	1977-78	So.	13	251	19.3
Leon Johnson	1973-74	Jr.	25	480	19.2
Barrie Haynie	1964-65	Jr.	23	438	19.0
Barrie Haynie	1965-66	Sr.	26	491	19.0
Robert Parish	1974-75	Jr.	29	548	18.9
Larry Ward	1968-69	Sr.	27	503	18.6
Burl Plunkett	1953-54	Jr.	22	391	17.9
Stan McAfoos	1961-62	So.	26	445	17.1
Fred Zitar	1970-71	Sr.	26	441	17.0

REBOUNDING

Player	Season	Class	G	Pts.	Avg.
Robert Parish	1972-73	Fr.	27	505	18.7
Robert Parish	1975-76	Sr.	27	486	18.0
Robert Parish	1974-75	Jr.	29	447	15.4
Robert Parish	1973-74	So.	25	382	15.3
Billy Hester	1952-53	Sr.	30	414	13.8
Nick Panico	1957-58	Sr.	14	180	12.9
Fred Zitar	1970-71	Sr.	26	333	12.8
George Lett	1978-79	Jr.	29	359	12.4
Bob Lang	1967-68	So.	26	297	11.4
George Lett	1977-78	So.	13	146	11.2
Tom Kerwin	1963-64	So.	24	264	11.0
Morris Schrimsher	1957-58	Sr.	22	242	11.0
Fred Zitar	1969-70	Jr.	24	258	10.8
John Pitts	1976-77	Sr.	30	310	10.3
Jackie Crawford	1959-60	Jr.	22	223	10.1
Jimmy Edelen	1955-56	Sr.	27	274	10.1
Connie Mack Rea	1952-53	Sr.	30	300	10.0

TOP SINGLE GAME INDIVIDUAL SCORING

By Centenary

Pts.	Player	Opponent	Date	FG	FT
50	Robert Parish	Lamar	12-22-72	37-25	1-0
47	Tom Kerwin	Louisiana Tech	2-21-66	26-20	8-7
46	Barrie Haynie	Houston	2-7-66	36-18	11-10
42	George Lett	Georgia Southern	2-7-79	20-15	15-12
42	Tom Kerwin	Oklahoma City	2-2-66	31-19	6-4
41	Tom Kerwin	Louisiana Tech	2-25-65	24-17	10-7
40	Tom Kerwin	SMU	12-21-65	25-15	11-10
40	Tom Kerwin	So. Mississippi	2-29-64	16-12	18-16
39	Tom Kerwin	Tennessee Tech	1-18-64	30-17	8-5
39	Chris Cummings	McNeese	12-21-77	29-16	8-7
38	Robert Parish	Texas-Arlington	2-5-73	24-17	6-4
38	George Lett	So. Mississippi	1-13-79	21-15	8-8
37	Bobby White	Louisiana Tech	1-4-77	29-18	1-1
37	Gerald Martello	Arkansas State	2-28-59	17-15	12-7
37	Barrie Haynie	NW Louisiana	2-8-65	21-12	16-13
37	Fred Zitar	Loyola	2-18-71	20-15	13-7
37	George Lett	North Texas St.	1-15-79	26-15	12-7
36	Milton Williams	SE Oklahoma	12-18-57	21-14	8-8
36	Jackie Crawford	Tampa	1-28-61	24-14	8-8
36	Robert Parish	Houston Baptist	2-21-76	23-14	9-8
36	Robert Parish	So. Mississippi	1-11-73	24-12	7-7
35	Burl Plunkett	Arizona State	12-17-53	21-14	8-7
35	Billy Hester	La. College	1-19-53	21-16	4-3
35	Tom Kerwin	Cincinnati	12-19-64	23-13	11-9

By Opponent

Pts.	Player	Team	Date	FG	FT
50	Elvin Hayes	Houston	2-10-68	37-22	9-6
46	Dick Garrett	So. Illinois	3-1-68	30-19	8-8
45	Bud Koper	Oklahoma City	2-16-62	29-20	5-5
44	Rich Travis	Oklahoma City	2-28-68	33-19	9-6
43	Bill Reigel	McNeese State	3-3-56	28-14	18-15
43	Elvin Hayes	Houston	12-14-68	31-19	6-5
42	Simmie Hill	W. Texas St.	1-25-68	29-17	12-8
42	Rich Travis	Oklahoma City	2-5-68	27-14	15-14
41	Ricky Sugg	Arkansas	12-13-65	20-14	13-13
41	Jerry Lee Wells	Oklahoma City	2-2-66	37-17	10-7
41	Gary Gray	Oklahoma City	2-25-67	34-18	5-5
41	Larry Moore	UT-Arlington	1-18-73	29-20	2-1
41	Ernie Hill	Oklahoma City	1-6-79	21-17	8-7
40	Elvin Hayes	Houston	2-7-66	24-17	16-6
40	Elvin Hayes	Houston	1-6-68	36-20	1-0
40	Mike Green	Louisiana Tech	12-2-72	33-19	4-2
40	Mike Coleman	So. Mississippi	1-16-75	30-16	8-8
39	Joe Abendroth	Louisiana Tech	1-5-63	14	18-11
38	Hunter Beckman	Memphis State	2-26-63	22-16	8-6
37	Larry Bird	Indiana State	1-22-77	16-14	9-9
37	John Dickson	Arkansas State	1-3-66	14	12-9
37	Jerry Lee Wells	Oklahoma City	3-3-66	25-14	9-9
37	Victor King	Louisiana Tech	12-27-78	18-13	11-11

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE GAME

By Centenary

Most Points—50, ROBERT PARISH vs. Lamar at Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 22, 1972.

Most Field Goal Attempts—37, ROBERT PARISH vs. Lamar at Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 22, 1972 (made 25).

Most Field Goals Made—25, ROBERT PARISH vs. Lamar at Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 22, 1972 (attempted 37).

Best Field Goal Percentage (min. 10 attempts)—.929, LARRY WARD vs. Houston at Hirsch Y.C., Jan. 25, 1969 (13 of 14).

Most Free Throw Attempts—19, ROBERT SCOTT vs. Northwestern at Hirsch Y.C., Dec. 31, 1958 (made 18).

Most Free Throws Made—18, ROBERT SCOTT vs. Northwestern at Hirsch Y.C., Dec. 31, 1958 (attempted 19).

Best Free Throw Percentage—1.000 (10-of-10), MILTON WILLIAMS vs. Northwestern at Hirsch Y.C., Jan. 29, 1957.

Most Rebounds—33, ROBERT PARISH vs. Southern Mississippi at Gold Dome, Jan. 27, 1973.

Most Assists—17, MELVIN RUSSELL vs. LSU-New Orleans at New Orleans, Feb. 24, 1973.

By Opponents

Most Points—50, ELVIN HAYES, Houston, at Hirsch Y.C., Feb. 10, 1968.

Most Field Goal Attempts—37, ELVIN HAYES, Houston, at Hirsch Y.C., Feb. 10, 1968 (made 22).

Most Field Goals Made—22, ELVIN HAYES, Houston, at Hirsch Y.C., Feb. 10, 1968 (attempted 37).

Most Free Throw Attempts—21, DICK BROWN, Northwestern, at Haynes Gym, Jan. 15, 1955 (made 18).

Most Free Throws Made—18, DICK BROWN, Northwestern, at Haynes Gym, Jan. 15, 1955 (attempted 21).

Best Free Throw Percentage—1.000 (13-of-13), RICKY SUGG, Arkansas, at Hirsch Y.C., Dec. 13, 1965, and TOMMY ROWLAND, Arkansas, at Fayetteville, Ark., Dec. 12, 1966.

Most Rebounds—38, PAUL SILAS, Creighton, at Omaha, Neb., Feb. 19, 1962; 37, ELVIN HAYES, Houston, at Hirsch Y.C., Feb. 10, 1968; 33, CHARLIE BISHOP, Louisiana Tech, at Ruston, Feb. 28, 1967.

Most Assists—18, VICTOR KELLY, Hawaii, at Honolulu, HI, Feb. 22, 1975.

TEAM SINGLE GAME

Most Points—133, vs. Hardin-Simmons (133-94) at Gold Dome, Feb. 5, 1976.

Most Points, Opponents—132, Lamar (132-104), at Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 13, 1968.

Most Points, Two Teams—236 (Lamar 132, Centenary 104) at Beaumont, Tex., Feb. 13, 1968.

Biggest Centenary Win—48 (Gents 110, Wabash College 62), at Gold Dome, Jan. 2, 1975.

Biggest Centenary Loss—63 (Southern Illinois 130, Gents 67), at Carbondale, Ill., March 1, 1968.

By Centenary

Most Field Goal Attempts—105, vs. Southeastern La., at Haynes Gym, Jan. 28, 1956 (made 43).

Most Field Goals Made—54, vs. Hardin-Simmons at Gold Dome, Feb. 5, 1976 (attempted 90).

Best Field Goal Percentage—.654 (36-of-55), vs. Northwestern La., at Natchitoches, Jan. 14, 1974.

Most Free Throw Attempts—54, vs. North Texas State at Denton, Tex., Dec. 13, 1956 (made 40); 54, vs. Eastern Kentucky at Hirsch Y.C., Dec. 29, 1962 (made 39).

Most Free Throws Made—40, vs. North Texas State at Denton, Tex., Dec. 13, 1956 (attempted 54).

Best Free Throw Percentage—1.000 (12-of-12), vs. Cincinnati at Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1967. NOTE: 33-of-34 (.971) vs. New Mexico A&M at Portales, N.M., Dec. 17, 1956 (missed first one, made next 33).

Most Rebounds—78, vs. Tennessee Tech at Hirsch Y.C., Jan. 18, 1964.

Most Personal Fouls—36, vs. Northwestern La., at Haynes Gym, Jan. 15, 1955.

By Opponents

Most Field Goal Attempts—112, Northwestern La., at Gold Dome, Dec. 9, 1974 (made 39).

Most Field Goals Made—54, Houston, at Houston, Tex., Jan. 6, 1968 (attempted 96).

Best Field Goal Percentage—.718 (46 of 64), Pan American at Gold Dome, Jan. 30, 1978.

Most Free Throw Attempts—62, Northwestern, La. at Haynes Gym, Jan. 15, 1955 (made 42).

Most Free Throws Made—42, Northwestern, La. at Haynes Gym, Jan. 15, 1955 (attempted 62).

Best Free Throw Percentage—1.000 (12-of-12), Arkansas, at Gold Dome, Jan. 7, 1975.

Most Rebounds—85, Houston, at Hirsch Y.C., Feb. 10, 1968.

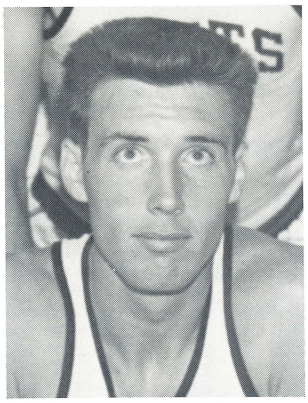
Most Personal Fouls—40, Loyola, at Hirsch Y.C., Jan. 13, 1964.

THE STREAKING GENTS

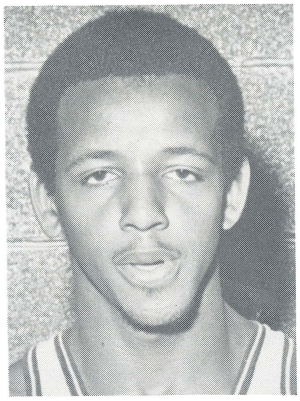
WINS	LOSSES
16, during 1955-56 season	8, during 1977-78 season
13, during 1974-75 season	7, during 1951-52 & 1978-79 seasons
12, during 1973-74 season (first 12 games)	6, in 1948-49, 1968-69 & 1978-79 seasons
7, during 1956-57 and 1961-62 seasons	

CENTENARY And The Pros

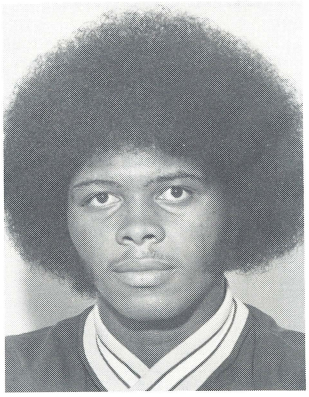
ROBERT PARISH, the Shreveport product who earned many All-American and all-star honors at Centenary from 1972-76, is in his fourth season with the Golden State Warriors of the NBA. He was their No. 1 draft choice in 1976 and last season blossomed into a star, averaging 17.2 points and 12.5 rebounds a game and ranking fourth in the league in blocked shots.



CONNIE MACK REA
Baltimore Bullets
NBA, 1953-54



MELVIN RUSSELL
Drafted, Tenth Round
Utah Stars, ABA, 1973



BOBBY WHITE
Drafted, Ninth Round
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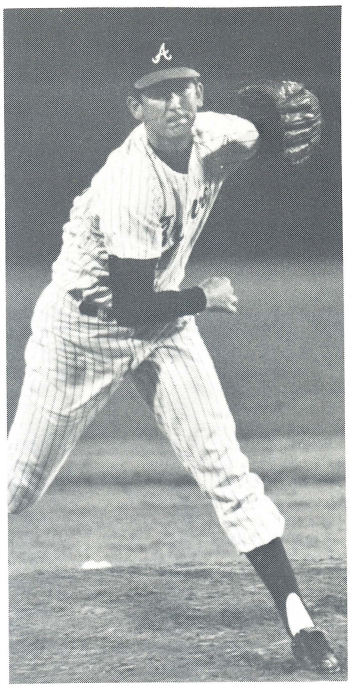
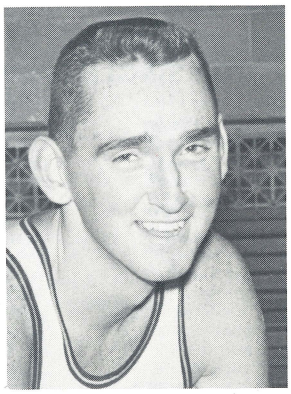
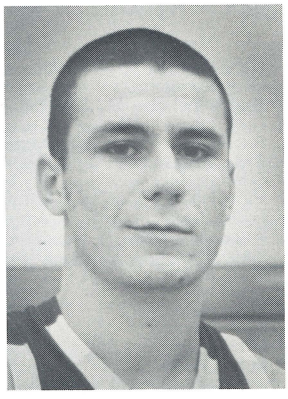
LEON JOHNSON
Drafted, Eighth Round
Houston Rockets, 1975



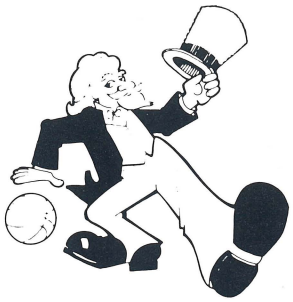
CECIL UPSHAW was a basketball and baseball star at Centenary from 1961-64, then spent almost nine seasons in the major leagues as a relief pitcher.



TOM KERWIN
Drafted, Fifth Round
San Francisco
Warriors, 1966
Played with Pittsburgh
Pipers, ABA, 1967-68



BARRY McLEOD
Drafted, Seventh Round
Chicago Bulls, 1976



Centenary College Basketball 1979-80 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
	NOVEMBER		
30 (Fri.)	*HOUSTON BAPTIST	7:30 p.m.	GOLD DOME
	DECEMBER		
3 (Mon.)	Univ. of Arkansas	7:30 p.m.	Fayetteville, Ark.
6 (Thu.)	*Northeast Louisiana	7:30 p.m.	Monroe, La.
8 (Sat.)	UNIV. OF ARKANSAS	7:30 p.m.	GOLD DOME
10 (Mon.)	ARKANSAS TECH	7:30 p.m.	GOLD DOME
15 (Sat.)	LOUISIANA TECH	2 p.m.	GOLD DOME
20 (Thu.)	Long Island	7 p.m.	Brooklyn, N.Y.
22 (Sat.)	Siena	7 p.m.	Albany, N.Y.
23 (Sun.)	St. John's	7 p.m.	New York City, N.Y.
	JANUARY		
3 (Thu.)	MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE	7:30 p.m.	GOLD DOME
5 (Sat.)	NORTHERN IOWA	7:30 p.m.	GOLD DOME
7 (Mon.)	Northwestern State	7:30 p.m.	Natchitoches, La.
10 (Thu.)	CENTENARY DOUBLEHEADER —CENTENARY vs. Alaska-Anchorage, 6 p.m. —Notre Dame vs. Tulane, 8 p.m.		HIRSCH COLISEUM
14 (Mon.)	Louisiana Tech	7:30 p.m.	Ruston, La.
19 (Sat.)	Illinois State	2 p.m.	Normal, Ill.
26 (Sat.)	VALPARAISO	7:30 p.m.	GOLD DOME
28 (Mon.)	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA	7:30 p.m.	GOLD DOME
	FEBRUARY		
2 (Sat.)	ILLINOIS STATE	7:30 p.m.	GOLD DOME
5 (Tue.)	North Texas State	7:30 p.m.	Denton, Tex.
11 (Mon.)	Southeastern Louisiana	7:30 p.m.	Hammond, La.
14 (Thu.)	*PAN AMERICAN	7:30 p.m.	GOLD DOME
16 (Sat.)	*Mercer	7 p.m.	Macon, Ga.
18 (Mon.)	NORTH TEXAS STATE	7:30 p.m.	GOLD DOME
21 (Thu.)	*SAMFORD	7:30 p.m.	GOLD DOME
23 (Sat.)	NORTHWESTERN STATE	3 p.m.	GOLD DOME (Homecoming)
25 (Mon.)	*Hardin-Simmons	7:30 p.m.	Abilene, Tex.
Feb. 28 (Thu.)- March 1 (Sat.)	TRANS AMERICA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT		Monroe, La.

Central Standard Time listed *Trans America conference game

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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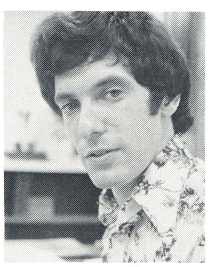

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